WORKS PROGRESS BULLETIN

MASSACHUSETTS

LIEUT. COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH. State Administrator.

USA WORK PROGRAM WPA

JAN. 1, 1938

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

CERTIFICATION RULES

Effective on and after January 3, 1938, the Works Progress Administration shall consider as eligible for employment:

1. Those persons currently working on WPA projects.
2. Those persons who have worked on WPA projects within the last 30 days.
3. Those persons certified since December 1, 1937 by local certifying agencies as eligible for WPA work.
4. Those persons returning from private employment who have left WPA rolls on and after June 7, 1937.

Persons certified as eligible for WPA work on and after January 3, will be considered eligible for a period of six months beginning January 3, unless the local certifying agency notifies the Works Progress Administration on Form 57 of a change in that person's economic status.

New certifications on Form 56 shall be made to the field offices of the Works Progress Administration by the local certifying agencies only as need for replacements arises.

You will note that these regulations mean, in effect, that replacements on projects shall be made only from persons newly certified by the local certifying agency. We will have left in our files, as eligible persons awaiting assignments, only those who have either worked in the last 30 days, have been certified by you in the last 30 days, or returned from private employment.

The Intake and Certification Section will make in the coming months progressive checks for eligibility on all persons currently working on WPA projects.

JOHN J. McDONOUGH,
Administrator.

WPA Equipped for Big Jobs

Can WPA plan, carry on and complete big construction jobs? The answer is on Pages Two and Three of this issue.

Many outside WPA ranks have the impression that WPA workers are only builders of roads, diggers of sewers and ditches for water mains and other utilities. While this work on public utilities is invaluable to the health of communities, WPA also has been completing other admirable types of construction, as illustrated on inside pages.

SPEED, EFFICIENCY MARK HIRING OF 15,000 WORKERS

Probably the most welcome Christmas cards ever sent through the mails in Massachusetts were the work assignment slips sent 15,000 men and women by the Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts during the week of December 13-18.

Christmas lights burned brighter in thousands of homes in all sections of the state because the same mailmen who carried employment notices brought WPA workers a pay check before Christmas Day.

The Administrative Staff accomplished the almost impossible by making these 15,000 assignments within a week after the notice came through from Washington.

CONFERRED WITH MAYORS

To insure the obtaining of the greatest good for the greatest number the Administrator conferred with mayors, selectmen and other officials from nearly every city and town in the state. In this manner he obtained first-hand information as to the employment needs of the cities and towns, was able to discuss immediate work projects and to instantly order work assignments for the various communities.

The speed and efficiency of the Massachusetts WPA organization has not gone unnoticed, for congratulatory telegrams, letters and telephone calls from federal, state and local officials have flooded state headquarters since the tremendous task was completed.

Congressman Edith Nourse Rogers was one of many high officials who commended the Administrative Staff for its work.

CONGRESSMAN CASEY

Congressman Joseph E. Casey, of Clinton, in a letter sent to Administrator McDonough, typifies the thoughts and expressions of leading Massachusetts officials when he writes:

Dear Colonel McDonough:

It seems most fitting at this season of the year that you and your employees of the Works Progress Administration in Massachusetts should receive the commendation and praise of all who are acquainted with the splendid work you are performing.

You and your staff have performed a most difficult job in a most efficient manner, in many instances working long into the night in order to accomplish it. While I do not favor overtime work without compensation, I am greatly impressed by the spirit that prompted you and your employees to give so unstintingly of your time and efforts.

May I extend to you and to all of your employees best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph E. Casey.

Congressman Casey has a deep knowledge of public administration and his expression, "I am greatly impressed by the spirit of your employees," is the key to the door which opened into 15,000 jobs.

UNSELFISH WORKERS

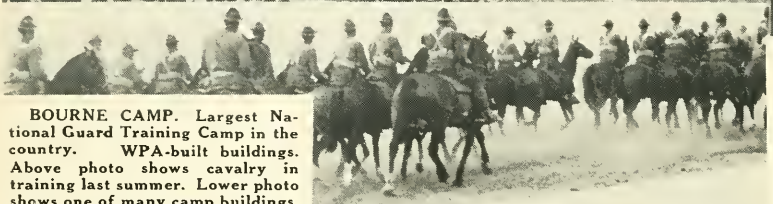
Without spirit, untiring effort and unselfish sacrifice it would not have been possible to complete the job in so short a time. There is a tremendous amount of detail involved in the assignment of thousands of workers. This work is not thrilling and exciting. It is desk work requiring high concentration. It is tiring. Despite this fact hundreds of men and women worked far into many nights after completing their regular day schedules and gladly sacrificed Saturdays and Sundays in order that those less fortunate than themselves could be given self-respecting work opportunities.

The Operations Divisions made the necessary requisitions. The Employment Divisions made out assignments and the Finance Divisions, who received wholehearted cooperation from Treasury Accounting and Disbursing Units, arranged payroll schedules.

The clerks in all of these departments were the heart and soul of the high-geared machine which produced a Happy Christmas to needy, unemployed men and women. The Administrative Staff is proud of their spirit and has asked The Bulletin to explain that the cold type of their best wishes for "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" is warm and sincere.

A FEW OF MANY WPA A

CROSSTOWN BOULEVARD, SPRINGFIEL
setts, facilitating through-town traffic movement.
with bridge built by WPA in background, WPA
tion at curve and where there are embankments.
Last connecting link in boulevard, Watershop
1937. Dedication next spring of entire system.
tion, $116,100.



BOURNE CAMP. Largest National Guard Training Camp in the country. WPA-built buildings. Above photo shows cavalry in training last summer. Lower photo shows one of many camp buildings. Federal allocation, $1,442,245. Sponsor's contribution, $100,034. Work still in progress.

CHICOPEE INFIRMARY. Contains all the facilities of a modern hospital and convalescent home. Completed July, 1937. Federal allocation, $102,828. City contribution, $45,167.

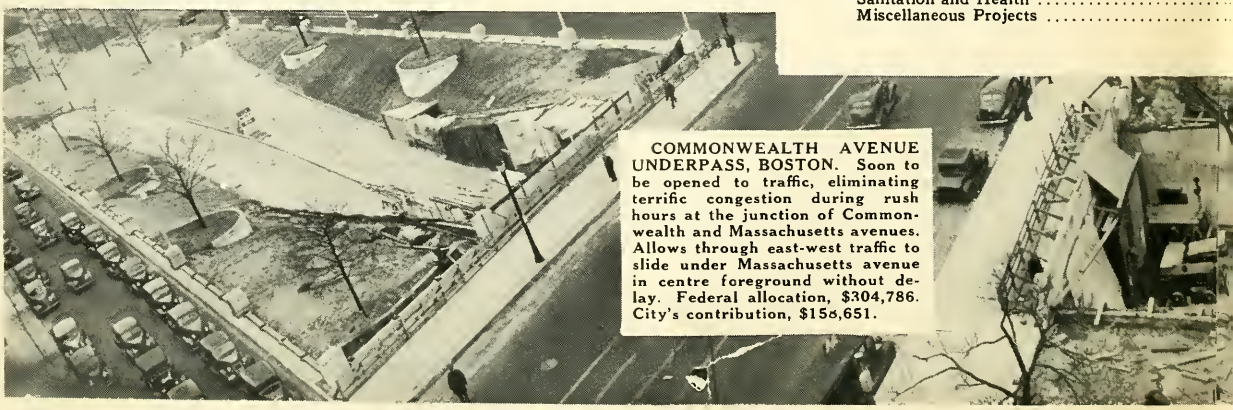
MANY LARGE PROJECT

Nineteen Thirty-Seven was notable in WPA history in Massachusetts for the completion of many big projects. Limitations of space permit us to picture only a few of them.

Although the calendar year has just ended the government's fiscal year is but half completed. In order to see what took place in 1937 we must turn to the report of National Administrator Harry L. Hopkins as of the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1937.

The report shows that $210,421,554 was the total of completed and active projects in the commonwealth. Of this the Federal government allocated

Highways, Roads and Streets .....
Public Buildings (New and Repaired) .....
Parks, Playgrounds, Stadiums, etc. .....
Conservation (Forest, Land, Irrigation, etc.) ..
Sewer and Water Systems and Other Utilities
Airports, Navigation, etc. .....
White Collar Projects (Education, Recreation)
Sewing, Canning, etc. .....
Sanitation and Health .....
Miscellaneous Projects .....



COMMONWEALTH AVENUE UNDERPASS, BOSTON. Soon to be opened to traffic, eliminating terrific congestion during rush hours at the junction of Commonwealth and Massachusetts avenues. Allows through east-west traffic to slide under Massachusetts avenue in centre foreground without delay. Federal allocation, $304,786. City's contribution, $158,651.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF 1937

LYNN STADIUM. Largest and best equipped WPA-built athletic field in the state. Nearly completed, except for accessories, in time for a Thanksgiving Day football game. Floodlights make night games, meetings and festivals practical. On concrete apron to the left, next summer there will be open air dancing, probably to the music of WPA bands and orchestras. Federal allccation, $322,485. City's contribution, $91,896.

D. Outstanding project in western Massachu- Photo shows minute part of vast undertaking -built culvert at left and type of road construc-

ps Pond Bridge, opened to traffic December 22, Federal allocation, $221,206. City's contribu-

MEDFORD GARAGE. Before this beautiful and useful municipal garage was built scores cf expensive trucks and other city equipment had no shelter, summer or winter. Now houses 150 pieces of city equipment and office. Completed August, 1937. Federal allocation, $139,-296. City's contribution, $50,832.

TS COMPLETED IN 1937

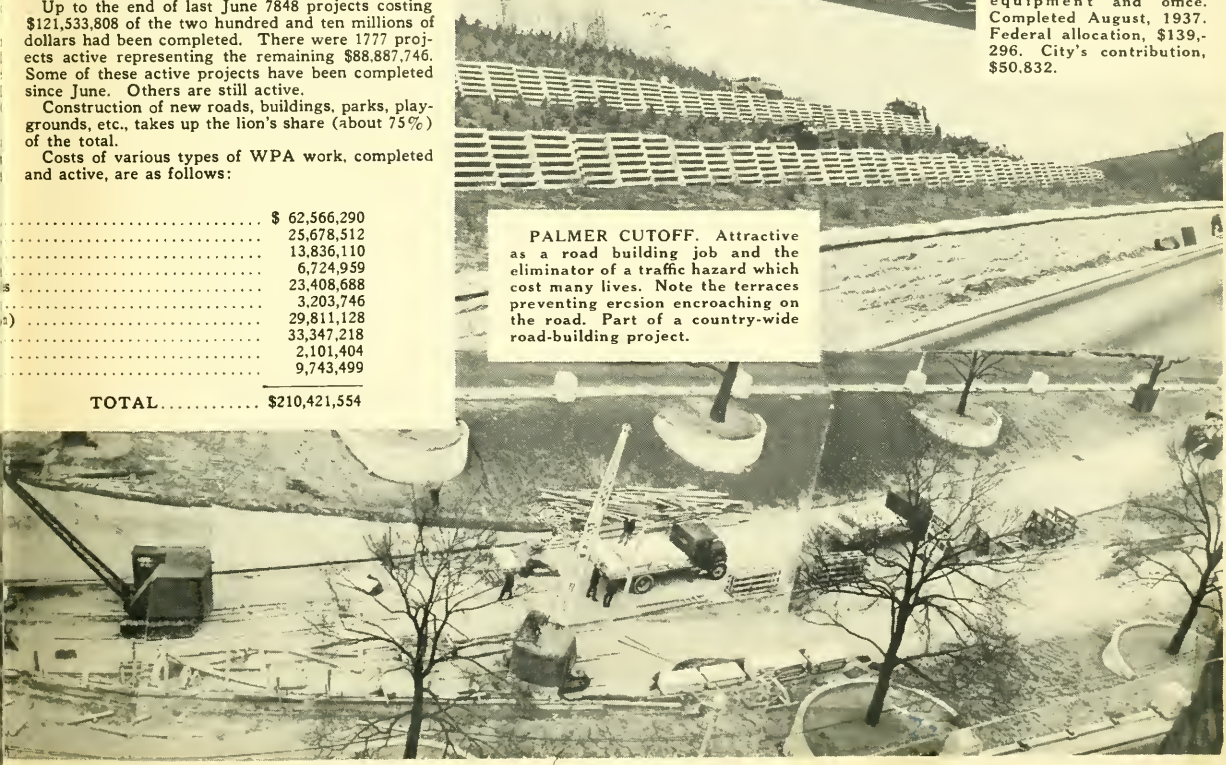
$181,822,295 while the share to be paid by cities and towns was $28,599,259.

Up to the end of last June 7848 projects costing $121,533,808 of the two hundred and ten millions of dollars had been completed. There were 1777 projects active representing the remaining $88,887,746. Some of these active projects have been completed since June. Others are still active.

Construction of new roads, buildings, parks, playgrounds, etc., takes up the lion's share (about 75%) of the total.

Costs of various types of WPA work, completed and active, are as follows:

.....	$ 62,566,290
.....	25,678,512
.....	13,836,110
.....	6,724,959
s	23,408,688
.....	3,203,746
)	29,811,128
.....	33,347,218
.....	2,101,404
.....	9,743,499
TOTAL.....	$210,421,554



PALMER CUTOFF. Attractive as a road building job and the eliminator of a traffic hazard which cost many lives. Note the terraces preventing ercsion encroaching on the road. Part of a country-wide road-building project.

HIGHLIGHTS OF WPA DURING 1937

JANUARY

We start off 1937 with the gleaming addition to the Park Street Subway in Boston proving a boon during rush hours.

FEBRUARY

Massachusetts WPA comes to the rescue of flood sufferers in the Ohio River Valley. More than 200,000 articles of clothing sent from sewing project storehouses to comfort shivering flood refugees. Many tons of food from canning projects speeded to Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee and other flood-stricken states. Administrator McDonough and Army officers tour Merrimac Valley as torrential rains send river to levels it had not reached since the disastrous flood a year before. Flood control directed by Army officers and executed by WPA labor, however, proves effective in stemming the angry waters.

In order to spend more for labor WPA cuts down on Federal contributions for materials.

MARCH

After payroll check of about 100,000 WPA workers it is discovered that financial status of about 8000 has improved to the extent that they are no longer eligible for work relief. They are 403'd.

Washington cuts quota of non-relief workers in half.

APRIL

Flood control work by WPA labor, directed by Army engineers, goes into high gear in the Connecticut, Nashua and Merrimac river valleys. A year after the costly floods of 1936, Army officers express satisfaction with WPA labor and the work accomplished which prevented flood damage this year.

Flood control work accomplished by WPA and the Army is discussed in the leading article of the April issue of the New England Construction Magazine under the by-line of Capt. Hugh J. Casey, executive officer.

Langston Hughes, noted poet and playwright, lauds Federal Theatre after seeing "Bloodstream" at the Copley Theatre.

Harry L. Hopkins, National WPA Administrator, reviews a year's WPA work. Says Bay State has built and re-surfaced enough roads to reach from Worcester to Daytona Beach, Florida. The big boss also says we have done well with parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, buildings, recreation, white collar projects and the many other phases of WPA progress.

MAY

Husbands sigh as project pay checks begin to go to workers' homes through mail instead of being distributed at the job. Wives, eyes gleaming, watch eagerly for mailman once a week.

Boston project discovers $750,000 in tax-title errors. Corrects them, saving city healthy sum.

WPA workers register for Social Security so they will have papers in order when they re-enter private industry.

JUNE

WPA finishes its part of work at Old Harbor Village (FHA unit at South Boston) a month ahead of time. Engineers all over country are interested in how storm and sanitary sewers are supported on concrete caissons.

The Boston Globe editorially praises WPA foremanship training.

Administrator McDonough announces that those who leave for private employment will be considered eligible for return to WPA work. Assurance given to help WPA workers into private industry and relieve fear of being left workless in case private industry job disappeared within a few weeks or months.

JULY

Sweeping reorganization of WPA in Massachusetts. Six district offices closed and replaced by 12 small area offices.

As similar reorganization takes place throughout country, National WPA Administrator Hopkins announces that it is being done "to effect saving without loss of efficiency."

WPA state headquarters moved from Park Square Building, Boston, to 600 Washington street, Boston. Payroll, assignment and employment divisions all centralized at state headquarters. Changes reduce WPA overhead in state by nearly one-half.

Pursuant to the authority of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Acts of 1935 and 1936, the Works Progress Administration is authorized to furnish information to the public on allotments made and on the progress of all projects as they are initiated and carried forward.

The WORKS PROGRESS BULLETIN is issued by the Information Service of the WPA at 600 Washington Street, Boston. It is distributed free of charge to WPA workers. Any persons interested in obtaining copies may do so by applying to the Information Service. Editors of newspapers are invited to use any material contained in the Bulletin which may interest them. The Multilith process is used.

PROJECT NO. 5 PRINTING WPA BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

AUGUST

All WPA workers must prove citizenship "or else." Only veterans and American citizens eligible for WPA jobs. Rule reduces personnel.

SEPTEMBER

National Administrator Hopkins announces there will be no further reductions in WPA personnel during winter months.

Forty mayors and selectmen meet with State Administrator McDonough to discuss new deal in supplies for sewing projects in which Federal contribution is lessened in order to apply the money to labor costs.

Preliminary work under way at Huntington avenue subway, Boston. Subway will take street cars off Boylston street, relieve traffic congestion.

WPA rushes work of renovating schools so it will be completed before that disheartening (to childhood) opening bell.

OCTOBER

Foremanship training courses, a big success during summer, resumed.

Gymnasium for New Bedford Vocational School (WPA-built) in use and receiving high praise.

Waitt's Mount, Malden, a beauty spot and useful as an observation post for the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. "They said it couldn't be done, but we did it," says Sponsor's Agent George Blakeslee.

NOVEMBER

WPA circularizes municipal officials to determine trends in employment as business recession becomes serious.

Nearly 20,000 attend Thanksgiving football game at Lynn stadium, WPA-built, and better than stadia of many colleges.

Henry G. Alsberg, National Director of the Federal Writers, speaks at the Boston Herald's "Book Week" affair.

DECEMBER

Biggest and most gratifying WPA news of the year—Washington authorizes Administrator McDonough to employ 15,000 more workers a fortnight before Christmas. Administrative staff at Boston gives up week-end, working Saturday afternoon and Sunday and nights overtime in order to rush out the best Christmas cards ever—402 slips. Administrator McDonough tours state to speed work and Massachusetts leads the entire country in getting men and women on the job. In a single week all 15,000 were assigned, all with the prospect of at least one pay check before December 25. Happy New Year.

"We promise to administer this program sympathetically with a genuine understanding of your needs and a deep conviction that all you ask is an opportunity to earn your living honorably."

HARRY L. HOPKINS.

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JAN. 19, 1938

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

MAYORAL BOUQUETS FOR WPA

Praise for WPA and recognition of the innumerable benefits of the government work program were part of inaugural addresses of many Bay State mayors as municipal governments began 1938.

LYNN'S MAYOR J. FRED MANNING, speaking at his fifth inaugural, devoted a considerable part of his address to reviewing the accomplishments of WPA in Lynn, stressing the recreational value of the Shoe City's WPA-built stadium. "About 350 men have been employed on this project," Mayor Manning said, "and if these men had been obliged to obtain public welfare relief the bare maintenance of them would have far exceeded the city's share of the cost of the stadium. . . . The structure now visible is a magnificent construction. . . . I believe it will be a distinct asset to the city with many uses."

FITCHBURG'S NEW MAYOR, ALFRED J. WOOLLACOTT, in his inaugural address said, "Our schoolhouses are in excellent condition because of the WPA work on them."

LAWRENCE'S MAYOR WALTER A. GRIFFIN reminded his constituents that "The city must cooperate with the Federal government in its relief program for the unemployed. The time has come when the contribution on our part to the various projects will be larger than before because the saturation point has been reached in projects which were low in cost to the city."

QUINCY'S MAYOR THOMAS S. BURGIN highlighted his inaugural address with, "I pause to express my official appreciation in behalf of our citizens to the Federal government for its assistance in relieving the city of large additional welfare costs through the continuation of the Works Progress Administration. I want to publicly thank Col. McDonough, our State Administrator, and his assistants in both the state and district offices for their cooperation during the year. . . . It can well be imagined the additional burden to our taxpayers if these (unemployed) people, entirely dependent upon some kind of relief aid, had to be carried on our welfare rolls."

HAVERHILL'S MAYOR GEORGE E. DALRYMPLE in what he termed his "sixth and last inaugural address" recalled that Haverhill has received more than $5,000,000 from the Federal government for work relief "by the use of which our unfortunate citizens have been given employment." Mayor Dalrymple deplored the removal of various business concerns from Haverhill adding, "Our President has commented upon our plight and the Federal government has noticed it."

SALEM'S MAYOR EDWARD A. COFFEY who takes the reins in the Witch City after the long regime of Mayor Bates (now a Congressman), painted a dark picture of the city's financial condition saying, "Much of our money goes for different types of relief, either

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WPA WORKERS MUST APPLY FOR INSURANCE BENEFITS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 7, 1938.

General Letter No. 173

To: All State Works Progress Administrators

Subject: Eligibility for Employment on the Works Program as Affected by Unemployment Compensation.

As Unemployment Compensation Laws become effective in each state, the policy hereafter outlined shall be followed with respect to persons who are entitled to Unemployment Compensation Benefits, and who shall be considered separately in two groups as set forth in items A and B below:

A. Persons eligible for Unemployment Compensation Benefits who currently are employed on the Works Program shall be expected to file claim for their unemployment compensation benefits. Employment of such persons on the Works Program shall not be affected because they are eligible for these benefits until determination by the State Unemployment Compensation Agency that the worker would be entitled to such benefits in the absence of Works Program employment.

After this determination, the worker shall be separated from employment on the Works Program and shall not be considered as eligible for reemployment during the waiting period, nor during the period in which compensation benefits are paid. At the expiration of the period during which compensation benefits are paid, the worker shall be entitled to reemployment on the Works Program in the same manner as persons returning from private employment.

B. Persons, otherwise eligible, who currently are not employed on the Works Program and who are eligible for Unemployment Compensation Benefits, shall not be eligible for employment on Works Program projects until after the expiration of the period during which Unemployment Compensation Benefits are paid. At the end of that period, eligibility for employment on the Works Program shall be determined in accordance with regular certification procedure.

In carrying out the provisions of these regulations, you are expected to work out arrangements with the certifying agency and the State Unemployment Compensation Agency for interchange of necessary information.

(Signed) AUBREY WILLIAMS

Deputy Administrator

A FEW PROJECTS BEGUN

SPRINGFIELD—Re-location of Pecowsic brook channel in Forest Park. Involves 15 operations including virtual transplanting of south bank to north bank for 600 feet. Banks to be graded, sodded and seeded. Will provide much needed walk atop river bank beside macadam road eliminating a traffic hazard caused by pedestrians using highway as sidewalk.

Also in Springfield begins a war on gypsy moths, browntail moths and other pests which ruin attractive foliage. Nine projects, manned by more than 200, will spell the doom of billions of tree pests, destroying eggs and webs during winter and early spring.

FORT DEVENS—Drainage work on channels connecting Robbins, Hell, and Tufts ponds with Mirror lake and Utilities road. Will result in mosquito control. Project, directed by Army, will lower water table and construct concrete spillway at the pond dam.

FITCHBURG—Seven farm-to-market roads tapping market garden and dairy sections. Work to be in progress on Ashby West, Marshall, Fisher, Townsend, Oak Hill, Richardson and Franklin roads.

WORCESTER—Renovation of fire and police stations to finish project about 50 per cent. complete. Also includes repair of city voting booths.

CHICOPEE—Six miles of farm-to-market roads to benefit tobacco growers and other farmers in the area.

HARWICH—Landscaping high school grounds.

PLYMOUTH — Farm-to-market roads on Long Pond and Hedge Pond roads.

SOME OF MANY PROJECTS COMPLETED

HOLYOKE—Razing of former mill of the Holyoke Paper Company, inactive for 11 years and municipally owned. Bricks and timber, neatly piled at the city will be used in WPA building. Useless wood distributed to needy for firewood.

Also completed in Holyoke is a year's campaign against pests which prey upon foliage.

DANVERS—Drainage system near Middleton and Swan ponds. Eliminates water pollution, making the building of a filtration plant not imperative. Land cleared of trees, underbrush. Walk built around ponds.

WORCESTER COUNTY — Completion of the last two of 80 bridges badly damaged or destroyed by 1936 flood. A boon to county because of their value as connecting links on main highways and farm-to-market roads.

PUBLIC OPINION FOR WORK RELIEF SAY GALLUP POLL, BOSTON TRAVELER

"When President Roosevelt told Congress that he would never consent to return to the cash dole in place of work relief he was echoing a sentiment that has overwhelming popular support today in all sections of the country."

This quotation is a small paragraph from the nationally operated Gallup Poll's report of Jan. 9, released to the nation's newspapers.

Ninety-three per cent. of New England citizens questioned in the poll favored work relief over direct cash relief. Throughout the nation 90 per cent. of the voters in the survey were in accord with the Yankee vote.

The Gallup Poll question with the national and New England vote were as follows:

DO YOU THINK RELIEF SHOULD BE GIVEN AS WORK RELIEF OR AS DIRECT CASH RELIEF?

	Work	Cash
United States	90%	10%
New England States	93%	7%

The Boston Traveler editorially voices the same sentiment in standing for work relief rather than cash relief as follows:

"SELECTMEN URGE WPA BE DROPPED

"The Massachusetts Selectmen's Association urges that all WPA work be dropped by June because it demoralizes the people and blocks a business revival.

" 'For every person saved by the WPA, half a dozen are completely demoralized and ruined by the system,' said Selectman Victor Adams of Barnstable, who presented the resolution.

"That is a lot of oratorical twaddle. It would be more to the point to say that were it not for WPA the nation might have been demoralized.

"The real purpose of the selectmen in passing their damning resolution on WPA was shown when they advocated direct federal grants to the local communities.

"So they will have the spending of it, perhaps.

"There is altogether too much cheap talk about the WPA and the loafers on it, but you don't notice many people wishing to give up good jobs to go on WPA.

"Every useful citizen of the United States has a right to work. When no sort of work is available for him in private industry, it is the duty of government to establish public works. Hence WPA, even with all its shortcomings.

"Politicians almost everywhere, who have fallen down on their promises of good government, are eager to get their hands on federal funds now spent through WPA. The federal government had better think long and carefully before it is swayed by taunts directed at WPA."

MAYORS

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directly as a gift to the recipient or by employment on projects referred to as the WPA. Aside from direct outside relief, the state and nation contribute to the relief given. There is danger that such contributions to our relief may be discontinued. . . . The mayor hopes for payrolls, not relief. . . . The rebuilding of our streets comes almost entirely from WPA funds. . . ."

PEABODY'S MAYOR JAMES E. McVANN, citing WPA accomplishments said, "With the aid of Federal funds we have provided a great deal of work for WPA employees. We have constructed 26 miles of cement sidewalks, 2780 feet of drains, 2964 feet of water pipe; a sewing project for 49 women is maintained which provides clothing for distribution among welfare cases. A project employing nurses has provided employment for registered nurses who have made a check on tuberculosis and immunization against diphtheria and smallpox. From January 1, 1937 to September 1, 1937 the nurses visited 4460 patients."

HOLYOKE'S MAYOR WILLIAM P. YOERG said, "The value of the WPA in our city for the past several years is well known. Federal relief has had a threefold effect. First, it has provided funds for the employment of idle citizens; second, it has enabled us to repair, improve and extend our municipal properties and save large future investments and, third, by taking the heavy burden from Welfare it has made possible savings which have helped in keeping the tax burden within capacity to pay. I certainly hope for a continuance of this Federal assistance until such time as private employment will bring our relief burden down to normal."

BEVERLY'S MAYOR DANIEL E. McLEAN said, "Our WPA program was very successful, both from a standpoint of producing work and constructing projects of a useful nature to our citizens." He then listed many municipal improvements adding, "Due to the efficient handling of our WPA work, despite business recession, outside relief costs showed a decrease."

TAUNTON'S CITY COUNCIL passed a resolution thanking Administrator McDonough and the WPA Administrative Staff for the speed and efficiency with which the WPA organization in this state put on 15,000 additional WPA workers in time for them to receive Christmas pay checks.

Unfortunately space limitations do not allow us to print even the names of all the mayors and town officials who tossed WPA a verbal bouquet as they started the new year municipally. In short, thousands of sincere, conscientious WPA workers appreciate occasional recognition of what they are building and doing.

WPA-BUILT WINTER SPORTS FACILITIES IN FULL SWING

Left—After ski spill at Lakeview Recreation Centre, Worcester.
Right—Tobogganing at Coggeshall Park, Fitchburg.

BLEACHERS COMPLETE WESTFIELD SPORTS CENTRE

Completion of concrete bleachers has provided the crowning touch to one of the finest small-city athletic fields in the country — adjacent to Westfield High School at the junction of Smith avenue and King street, Westfield.

Reinforced steel used in building the sturdy bleachers total 23 tons. This type of construction assures the permanency of the bleachers which overlook an athletic field which has practically all the facilities of the largest college stadia.

For two years WPA workmen have been busy at the Westfield Athletic Field building a football field, baseball diamond, soccer fields, a circular cinder track and 100- and 220-yard dash tracks, eight tennis courts, a playground and numerous other recreational facilities.

Opposite the bleachers the field is fringed with small pines which will increase the beauty of the athletic field setting as they are silent spectators among thousands who will throng the field in years to come as they did last year.

The reinforced concrete bleachers which complete the field were begun May 4, 1937. As the population of Westfield grows it is likely that at some time in the future another set of bleachers may be constructed on the opposite side of the field. The completed bleachers extend for 2000 linear feet and have ten rows of seats.

PURITANS WERE ROUGH ON COLONIAL RACKETEERS

Small time racketeers of Colonial times didn't get off with a light sentence followed by a parole and apologies, we learn from the WPA Historical Records Survey.

In those days chiselers who shaved small amounts of gold and silver from coins had to stand two hours in a pillory as a preliminary to having their ears lopped off.

That truth is stranger than fiction is revealed constantly by Historical Records workers who are delving into logs kept by the iron men who sailed wooden ships out of Salem and other Bay State ports during the roaring decades when hardy salts from New England were making United States history on the high seas. Battles with pirates, shipwrecks, discoveries of treasure, romance in lands of glamour —all the elements of whacking good yarns by writers of the best sea stories are in the yellowed, tattered logs.

ON THE AIR

On Jan. 11 Historical Records began a series of broadcasts on the careers of famous composers from Station WHDH. Many music teachers throughout the state tuned in on the initial broadcast at 1 P.M., to give their classes the benefit of the program which deals with little known and interesting facts about various giants of music.

Suggestions concerning the program should be mailed to WPA Historical Record Survey, 221 Columbus avenue, Boston, Mass., or Station WHDH, Boston, Mass.

FEDERAL WRITERS PRODUCE

During 1937 the Federal Writers' Project in Massachusetts produced eight books, the largest of which was the Massachusetts Guide containing 650 pages and 100 illustrations.

In February an extremely interesting book for winter sports enthusiasts, "Winter Sports and Recreation in the Berkshire Hills," was published. Requests for the book came from widely separated parts of the country.

June was a big month for the Writers' Project. During the wedding-bell month they brought out "Cape Cod Pilot," a very well written guide to the Cape; "A History of Auburn, 1837-1937"; "Old Newbury Tales"; "A History of Duxbury" and "A Selective and Critical Bibliography of Horace Mann."

August saw a tempest in a teapot when "Massachusetts: A Guide to Its Places and People." Although some took exception to a few paragraphs in the 650 pages, book reviewers, as a whole, agreed that the monumental piece of writing was well done.

Latest book from typewriters of the Writers' Project is "The Armenians in Massachusetts," published only last month.

In addition to the books actually published the Writers' Project accomplished a wealth of research and writing not yet in type.

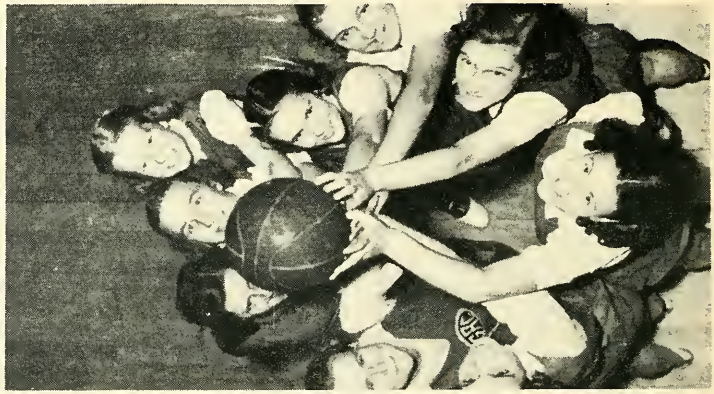
1937 BIG YEAR FOR MUSIC PROJECT

Famous musicians and composers as guest conductors, grand opera, symphony concerts, open air concerts and a wealth of other delicacies from the feasts of Euterpe (Goddess of Music to you!) were the achievements of the Federal Music Project during 1937.

To mention only a few there was:

A week of grand opera at the Majestic. . . . The appearance of Burle Marx, Brazilian conductor, who tapped the baton at a concert by the State Symphony Orchestra at the Majestic. . . . The appearance of Felix Fox, world-known pianist as a guest soloist with the State Symphony Orchestra. . . . Performance of nine Beethoven symphonies. . . . Numerous concerts by the Commonwealth Symphonic Band, the Madrigal Singers, the American Folk Singers and the 100-voice State Chorus besides many other units of the Music Project. . . . And the brilliant close of 1937 with Dr. Nikolai Sokoloff, national director of the Federal Music Project, conducting, with Jacques Abram of Texas, 1937 winner of the National Federation of Music Clubs award, as guest soloist.

BASKETBALL BOUQUET



Girls of the Salem Recreation Centre, coached by Miss Pauline Perry, pause to pose for the Bulletin cameraman.

OUTDOOR THEATRE TO BE AMONG FINEST IN COUNTRY

A mecca for lovers of the theatre and music will be the outdoor theatre being built in Look Memorial Park, Northampton.

Colleges in the vicinity (Smith, Amherst, Massachusetts State) are already planning to use the outdoor theatre for Greek plays, music festivals and similar cultural activities in a perfect setting. Choral and Girl and Boy Scout groups are also looking forward eagerly to next autumn when the outdoor theatre will be practically complete. The boys and girls plan to use the outdoor theatre for ceremonial programs.

If everything goes well the lovely outdoor theatre should be ready by the time foliage of the incomparable Berkshire hills changes color to provide an exquisite setting.

The only outdoor theatre which will compare with Northampton's is that of Pierre Dupont on his 1000-acre estate in Pennsylvania.

Two 30-foot stone towers will house sound equipment, controls for fountains, lights and sound chambers of an electric organ.

Scenes will fade out and come into view artistically as a water-curtain, illuminated by vari-colored under-water lights rises and falls between the stage and audience.

Thus one of the state's youngest parks (Look Memorial will be 10 years old next year) may well become a cultural centre of New England during spring, summer and fall. Tentative plans are being made for a celebration, next year, of the park's tenth birthday with a special program in the outdoor theatre.

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DANVERS WATER IMPROVED

Water in Danvers and surrounding territory now tastes sweeter, looks clearer because of the completion of a project which drained swampland near Middleton and Swan ponds.

The difference has been observed by the citizenry and people at the Danvers State Hospital, Essex Tuberculosis Hospital, Essex County Agricultural School and St. John's Preparatory School.

In addition to making the water look and taste better the project made a filtration plant, which would have cost $150,000, not imperative.

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

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USA WORK PROGRAM WPA

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

BAY STATE TAKING PART IN NATION'S SURVEY OF VALUES OF WORK RELIEF

BOSTON DEDICATES COMMONWEALTH AVENUE UNDERPASS

Part of speakers' table at luncheon at Hotel Lafayette following dedication of Boston's newest underpass. Left to right, Hon. Joseph E. Timilty, Boston Police Commissioner; Col. Thomas Sullivan, Assistant WPA Administrator in charge of Boston; Mayor Maurice J. Tobin of Boston; President John Cronin of Back Bay Association; President Bernard Martin of Massachusetts Avenue Association; State Representative George Roberts, and Lieut.-Col. John J. McDonough, Massachusetts WPA Administrator. Below: the completed underpass which solved a knotty traffic problem.

FOREMANSHIP TRAINING

Foremanship Training, which was such a success last year, is being reestablished by the Division of Operations on or about February 15. These courses will continue the work begun in the six-week Foremanship Training period of last spring. However, these training courses will be more thorough and have a wider scope. For results shown by foremen and supervisors and prospective foremen and supervisors at these schools will have direct bearing on future selection of foremen and supervisors.

All persons now employed as foremen or supervisors or as Security Wage Workers who have had experience on or outside the WPA in foreman or supervisory positions, may apply for this school. Application should be made directly to C. B. Hall, Director of the Division of Operations, 600 Washington Street, Boston. Applicants should give their educational background and work experience. Selection of those attending the school will be made from these applications.

It is not expected that the school can accept all applications at the beginning of the courses because of lack of facilities. But more courses will open in the near future.

Employes on women's and white collar projects should not apply for participation in this school. It is for workers on MANUAL projects only. Courses for other project employes will be started at an early date, and will be announced in the Bulletin.

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MAYORS' CLUB SPONSOR

During the month of February towns and cities in every state in the country are entering into a nationwide effort to make an appraisal of the values of work relief. Although we have a nationwide count of the number of unemployed, which gave us knowledge of the magnitude of the problem we are facing, we have never attempted to assemble from original sources, unbiased information about the success or failure of the Federal Work Programs in meeting the problem of unemployment. This appraisal is being sponsored in the U. S. by 11 nationally known agencies.

The Mayors' Club of Massachusetts has formally voted to be the sponsor of the appraisal for Massachusetts. Mayor Edward J. Voke of Chelsea, the new President of the Massachusetts Mayors' Club, is taking the initiative in getting the cooperation of towns and cities to enter into this appraisal.

Each town and city will be invited by the Mayors' Club to make an appraisal of the work conducted under the Work Programs in their community. An Appraisal Committee will be appointed by the Mayors' Club to evaluate and summarize the reports received. A statewide report evaluating the types of projects, and method of operation from the twin standpoints of (a) effect on the unemployed, and (b) effect on communities as a whole, will be forwarded to Washington. An appraisal on a nationwide basis shall be made by a National Appraisal Committee.

Past, Present Roosevelt Kin Linked to Library Project

WPA renovation of Clark Memorial Library, Northampton, recalls the interesting fact that President Roosevelt's great-great-grandfather, Judge Joseph Lyman, donated the land upon which the building stands.

Judge Lyman was father of Catherine Lyman who married Edward Delano. Mrs. Sarah Delano Roosevelt (the President's mother) was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Delano. Northamptonians claim Clark Memorial Library, completed in 1874, is the oldest free town public library in the country.

Outmoded as a library, it is used as Red Cross, veteran, historical society and visiting nurse headquarters in addition to housing a sewing project. Paint, plaster, woodwork and windows are being refurbished by a WPA project.

Pardon Signed by Lincoln Found by Historical Records

A pardon, granting amnesty to a federal prisoner and signed by President Abraham Lincoln on June 6, 1862, has been discovered by the Historical Records Survey Project down in the dusty vaults of the county jail in New Bedford. The signature is that of the martyred President and there is evidence that other writing on the historic document is also his.

Among old records in Boston City Hall project workers have learned that snuff was part of supplies given those needing welfare relief in Boston's early days. It was also customary in Boston in 1779 to present the orator of the day at any important civic occasion with material for a new suit of clothes.

That story in the newspapers last week that twins born in Marblehead are entitled to money from an old bequest was a fact discovered by the project which delves into public bequests found in old and modern wills.

Complying with Rules, Say Veterans

Approval of the manner in which Fall River Area Supervisor of Labor Relations, is following provisions of the Veterans' Preference Act is expressed in the following letter to Mr. Cottell from Edward J. Hartnett, Secretary of the United Fall River War Veterans Council, which includes six Fall River veterans' organizations.

"Dear Sir:

"At the last meeting of the United Fall River War Veterans Council, held at Frank Allen Wilcox Post No. 126 Hall, Talbot Building, it was noted by the delegates that you have been complying with Public Resolution Number 47, Chapter 401, House Joint Resolution 361 as of June 29, 1937, and hope you will continue to do so."

WPA DRIVE AGAINST TREE PEST, SAVES FOLIAGE

Foliage pests—white pine blister rust, oriental hag moth, tent caterpillar, gypsy moth and the like—would ruin the incomparable New England countryside if allowed to breed unchecked.

WPA labor, working on tree and plant pest control projects and directed by experts of Federal and State departments of agriculture, have done considerable in the past three years to preserve our attractive Massachusetts foliage from destruction.

WITH PEST CONTROL

WITHOUT PEST CONTROL

The program has the hearty cooperation and support of all who love this vacationland of the nation for many reasons. First, perhaps, because this section of the country provides health and facilities for having happy vacations in wisely spent leisure to millions each year; second, because the all-year-round influx of tourists and vacationists for winter and summer sports and recreation constitutes the second largest industry of the Commonwealth; last, but far from least, is the duty of this generation to hand on to those to come our heritage of beautiful landscapes.

Thousands of WPA workers are uprooting currant and gooseberry bushes in order to stamp out, if possible, and keep under control during the present the white pine blister rust which has doomed billions of beautiful white pines in the past. The spores travel from the tree bark in the spring to the currant and gooseberry bushes and return to the white pines in the fall. In a short time the afflicted tree loses its foliage, withers and dies.

C. C. Perry, Associate Pathologist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and leader of the anti-white pine blister projects, says the projects to date have eliminated more than 3,000,000 white pine blister breeding bushes. This work is protecting the lovely white pine forests of the state, valued at about $30,000,000. WPA workers are controlling white pine blister over an area of 215,000 acres of land.

Space does not permit description of the campaign against oriental hag moth, tent caterpillar, gypsy moth and the like which we shall discuss in a later issue.

Yiddish Club to Sponsor Federal Writers' Book

Closely following publication of The Armenians in Massachusetts, first volume of a Federal Writers' Project dealing with the histories of various racial groups in Massachusetts comes the announcement that the Yiddish Culture Club of Boston will sponsor a similar book dealing with the history of the Jews in our Bay State from the earliest Colonial days to the present.

So favorable was the reception of the recently published history of the Armenians here that widespread interest has resulted in other racial groups eager to have the Massachusetts histories of their particular groups gathered together and published.

Former Lightkeeper's House Now C. G. Recreation Centre

Adjoining the outmoded lighthouse on the tip of Winter Island, Salem, was the lightkeeper's house, little used for 20 years since electrical progress darkened the old light which had kept vigil for mariners since 1812.

WPA has renovated the old house and made it into a recreation center for Coastguardsmen of the Winter Island station. The first floor is used for general recreation and the second floor houses the sick bay, doctor's office, laboratory and photographer's room.

Heavy granite blocks of nearby Fort Pickering, built in 1642, will eventually be removed to make better landing space for Coast Guard seaplanes.

BULLETIN CAMERA VISITS MT. HOOD SNOW CARNIVAL, MAYNARD AND CAPE COD

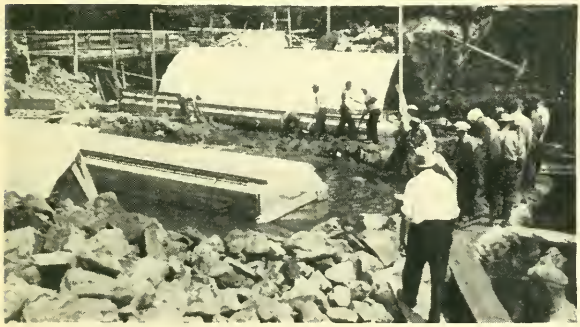
1.—"MUSH! MUSH!" chanted the driver to this dog team at the snow carnival at Mt. Hood, Melrose, January 23, where WPA has accomplished considerable development.

2.—Mt. Hood clubhouse, built by WPA, during recent snow carnival.

3.—A thrilling moment during recent snow carnival at Mt. Hood, Melrose. WPA built the ski jump and other improvements at the recreation spot.

4.—Ski jump at Mt. Hood, Melrose, as it looked to those watching the ski jumping contest from the bottom of the run.

5.—"Come to Cape Cod for the winter as well as the summer," should be a slogan down on the cape because it snows less there than anywhere else in Massachusetts. When the farm-to-market road picture was taken deep snow halted similar work in other parts of the state.



6.—BEFORE: Mill street bridge, Maynard, as the project began.

7.—AFTER: Mill street bridge Maynard, as it appears completed

Federal Theatre Played to 1,500,000 During 1937

The versatile Federal Theatre in Massachusetts announces after its second year of activity that it operated more than 3,000 performances during 1937 and played to a total audience of 1,500,000 people.

Highlights during 1937 were the presentations of: "Johnny Johnson," "The Deluge" and "Swanee Minstrels" at the Majestic Theatre, Boston, and "Help Yourself" and "Bloodstream" at the Copley Theatre, Boston.

Moving in June, 1937, to Salem, when the problem of acquiring a Boston theatre was impractical due to the influx of commercial productions, Federal Theatre presented a series of weekly offerings such as "Boy Meets Girl," "Candlelight," "Excursion," "The Bishop Misbehaves," "Jericho," an all-Negro production, and numerous other Broadway successes.

Other productions were presented at Mountain Park Casino, Holyoke, and by radiocasts from Station WSPR.

ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Federal Theatres newly appointed Advisory Council had its first meeting at Boston, Monday, January 24. Professor Eugene C. Keenan, appointed by Jon B. Mack, State Director of Federal Theatre, presided. Others attending were: Prof. H. W. L. Dana and Prcf. Packard of Harvard; Prof. Samuel Eliot, Jr., of Smith College; Prof. Jeannette Marks of Mt. Holyoke College; Dr. D. M. Staley of Staley College; Boston Herald's Drama Critic, Elinor Hughes; Boston Traveler's Drama Critic, Helen Eager; Boston Transcript's Drama Critic, Morduan Hall, and Miss Lillian Arnold, director of Ford Hall Players.

Works Progress Bits

So highly does Worcester's Street Superintendent Herbert Green regard WPA foremen there that he will appoint a dozen of them in charge of snow-removal gangs during this winter's blizzards. * * * George A. Lawrence, former Salem WPA master, is now an examiner for the State Labor Relations Board. * * * Salem City Councillor Joseph B. Harrington recently introduced an order asking Salem's Mayor Edward Coffey to appoint a committee to cooperate with Federal Housing and to provide a project for WPA sewer construction in outlying sections to promote home building.

CITY STEAMROLLER'S WOODEN OVER-COAT THAWS FROZEN GROUND

IN LEOMINSTER a sewer project has the above ingenious arrangement to thaw out frozen ground to keep men working. A city steamroller, enclosed by the wooden box, blasts frozen ground with hot steam, thawing it out enough to allow WPA workmen to dig sewer trenches. A perfect example of Yankee ingenuity. Photo by Hugo Jambach of WPA Area Office, Fitchburg.

"— But This Is What They Ate —"

Tuesday, January 25, at the Natick WPA Office Building the Town Fathers of Natick, headed by C. Ray Bennett, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, were hosts at a luncheon given Denis W. Delaney, Supervisor of Operations in the Cambridge Area, and other WPA guests. The luncheon following the showing of Natick WPA motion pictures which were taken by the Natick Department of Public Works.

And this is what they ate: Fruit cup, stuffed celery, watermelon pickle, cucumber pickle, escalloped oysters, roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cherry fritters, turnip, cranberry sauce, pineapple salad, ice cream with sauce, chocolate cake, white fruit cake and coffee.

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Big Map Company Asks Use of Berkshire Guide

Permission to use parts of Federal Writers' booklet, "Winter Sports and Recreation in the Berkshire Hills," has been requested by the Rand-McNally Company of Chicago, outstanding publishers of maps and guides, according to Berkshire County Commissioner James M. Coughlin of North Adams.

The Berkshire Guide published last year instantly received the acclaim of those interested in winter sports in the beautiful Berkshires.

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CITY, TOWN INTEREST IN WPA APPRAISAL KEEN

Mayor Edward J. Voke, President of the Mayors' Club of Massachusetts, which is sponsoring the United States Community Improvement Appraisal in this state, has informed Administrator McDonough that the Club, as of February 10, has received Appraisal acceptance from more than a score of cities and towns.

The Mayors' Club has asked every Mayor and Selectman Chairman in the state to submit a report on the Federal Works Program in their communities.

These Massachusetts reports will be judged by a distinguished list of unbiased observers who will evaluate and summarize the testimony offered by the cities and towns and will report on their findings as members of the State Appraisal Committee.

His Excellency Gov. Charles F. Hurley has assured the Mayors' Club of his cooperation in the appraisal of the Federal Works Program carried on under the sponsorship of the State.

Administrator McDonough has agreed to furnish cities and towns with information regarding financial statements, statements of physical accomplishments, photographs of WPA work in the local communities and any other data they think is desirable.

The Massachusetts Appraisal closes March 9.

An Open Invitation

Business organizations, civic bodies, public officials, schools, clubs and other groups interested in how the WPA employs and pays 100,000 workers are invited by Administrator McDonough to visit Massachusetts WPA Headquarters, 600 Washington Street, Boston.

Parties interested in this invitation should telephone the Administrator's office, Hubbard 2730, to make arrangements to see administrative machinery.

FOREMANSHIP TRAINING FOR 1938 GETS OFF TO FLYING START

C. B. Hall, Division of Operations Chief, extreme left with back to door, consulting executives of his department on Foremanship Training plans for 1938.

Centralize I. & C. at State Headquarters

Intake and Certification has been centralized at WPA State Headquarters, 600 Washington street, Boston, as of Feb. 14, in order to make operation of the division more efficient.

In area offices, excepting Boston and Cambridge, the only function of Intake and Certification will be to make investigations of certifications. This work will be done for the Boston and Cambridge area offices from State Headquarters, eliminating all Intake and Certification work from those area offices.

The change is merely an administrative one and will not make any difference to WPA workers or those applying for WPA work. It is part of Administrator McDonough's program for getting maximum efficiency from his Administrative Staff, and at the same time resulting in quicker and better service to each city and town.

Nearly 1300 Enrolled for Classes

With nearly 1300 enrolled and the indications that more than 2000 WPA foremen, supervisors and other WPA executives will enroll, the Foremanship Training course for 1938 is off to a flying start.

There will be Foremanship Training classes in 36 Bay State cities and towns with a total of 62 instruction centres. This first phase of Foremanship Training will include only manual projects.

Objective of Foremanship Training is to make WPA leaders more efficient in present jobs and to prepare them for better jobs in private employment.

In order to benefit by the obvious advantages of personal instruction, individual classes will be small, averaging from 20 to 25 students each.

W. C. & P. Liaison Between WPA Women, Private Jobs

As a means of bringing together women skilled in domestic science and women who need household help the White Collar and Professional Division is inaugurating a novel program throughout the state.

In Boston, Worcester, Springfield and Holyoke women employed on sewing projects and the like will be given the opportunity to visit a model house and demonstrate their domestic skills to members of various women's clubs. This work is designed to better the status of WPA women financially in addition to placing them in their natural field—housekeeping.

Because household work seems to be the only phase of human endeavor in which there is a labor shortage (recognized officials say there are 500,000 such jobs available throughout the country) this work is being inaugurated by Miss Eleanor Hayward, State Director of Women's and Professional Projects.

23 Cities, Towns in Big Leisure Time Show

How to spend leisure time enjoyably will be demonstrated in Watertown High School on Friday afternoon and evening (Feb. 25), when 24 cities and towns of eastern Massachusetts will participate in a huge Leisure Time Show.

Instructors of the Recreation Project will give demonstrations of the innumerable activities of WPA Recreation assisted by boys and girls, young men and women and adults who have been participating in the benefits of the Recreation Program. This "living show" will begin at 1 P.M. in the gym and auditorium of Watertown High School and continue into the evening. The show is free.

Cities and towns participating are: Watertown, Arlington, Braintree, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Hull, Lowell, Malden, Marlborough, Medford, Natick, Quincy, Reading, Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Waltham and Woburn.

New Worcester Field House

Work has begun on a stone field house for Maloney Field, East Park, Worcester, where a field house has long been desired by officials of the Worcester Park Department and residents who use the park.

According to Timothy Holland, executive officer of the Worcester Park Department, the field house will be a boon to those who live in the thickly settled neighborhood of East Park.

The stone field house will be 69½ x 42 feet and will contain a basement with shower baths, dressing and locker rooms.

SMALL TOWN WORK IMPORTANT PART OF NATIONAL APPRAISAL

All the best WPA projects and accomplishments are not in the big cities or city-size towns. The current nation-wide and state-wide appraisal of what WPA has done may reveal that for sheer worth projects in little communities outmatch imposing structures built in cities.

For the real value of a WPA project or activity lies not in the amount of money spent on it or the bigness of it but its real benefit to the community in which it exists or is carried on.

To families living in a rural community, for instance, a farm-to-market road or a bridge that saves several miles of travel is just as important as the huge Crosstown Boulevard is to residents of Springfield or the WPA-built stadium is to Lynn.

And in all small towns, just as in big cities, being saved from under-nourishment by a WPA pay check has paid dividends in better health and happiness that cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

IN ASHLAND a WPA-built swimming pool is perhaps more of a delight to inland residents than the finest WPA-improved beach on the ocean. Water is piped from the Sudbury river under a road and woods about 200 yards to the pool. Water flowing from the pool passes through filter beds, built by WPA, and is purified before it is again allowed to return to the river.

IN ATHOL WPA has built open fireplaces, new roads and other improvements in addition to making accessible a small island in the center of Silver Lake from which the town gets its name. And improvements, begun last August, are still continuing. Also in Athol, WPA has eliminated cellar flooding in the Walnut street section by building a storm drainage system.

IN BARRE the rebuilding of the Mechanic street bridge, badly damaged by the 1936 flood, will be a welcome convenience to not only townfolk but those passing through the town.

IN BELCHERTOWN many elderly people can now get into the fresh air for a healthful walk because WPA has built new sidewalks, replacing walks from 30 to 50 years old. Old persons feared a sprained ankle or a possible breaking of brittle bones and kept off the old, uneven, gouged sidewalks. "It was impossible for the old people of the town to walk on the old walks," says J. H. Cook of the Belchertown highway department, adding, "It's a common remark of the townsfolk that this is the best project Belchertown ever had." Seems as if preventing elderly folk from being housebound because of fear of bad sidewalks is as important as any gigantic project we have.

IN THE LITTLE TOWN OF CHARLTON the employment of a dozen women on a sewing project is just as important as a sewing project with 1000 women in a big city.

OUT IN CUMMINGTON the widening and surfacing of streets which connect with main highways will be a convenience and ease the traffic hazard. Because the main street limitation of six tons per truck all the heavy trucking goes through the back streets and Lauriden Hill road. Residents will appreciate the elimination of the late-night racket of heavy trucks pounding over uneven streets.

FARMERS OF CLINTON and vicinity are rejoicing over the beginning of a seven-mile farm-to-market-road program. Those who have tried to move farm products over back roads hub-deep with mud can appreciate their satisfaction. Men from Clinton are also working on the improvements at Fort Devens.

IN DUDLEY the West End playground is nearly completed and will give as much pleasure to the children of that town as the most elaborate big city playground.

IN EASTHAMPTON the construction of a storm water drain and culvert will avert annual spring and fall floods in the Park Hill road section.

BROOKFIELD high school is being painted and generally renovated, a work which probably would have been indefinitely postponed but for WPA.

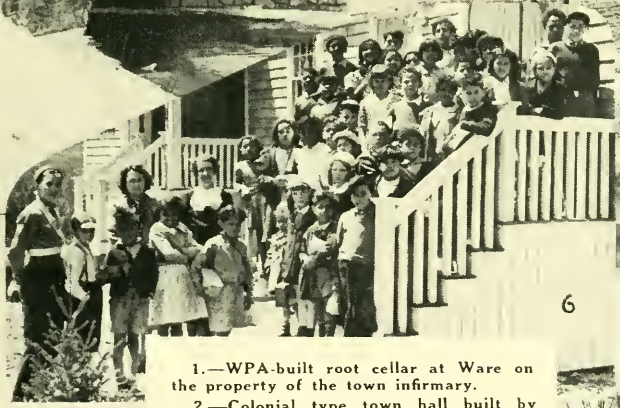
IN GARDNER the Pulaski playground, now a rough play area, will be graded after excavation of 10,000 cubic feet of earth and ledge which will make room for tennis courts and a baseball field. Also in Gardner 47 acres of land are being drained and reclaimed in order to make the ground arable.

TWO GRAFTON ROADS—Wesson and Carroll—will be resurfaced after years in which townfolk and state highway officials futilely requested renovation of the roads which could not be accomplished on account of a lack of town funds. The roads will be widened for more than three miles.

LUNENBURG will soon have nearly five miles of farm-to-market roads.

We could go on for several columns more listing small town projects as important in every way in their intrinsic value as any of the larger WPA accomplishments.

A FEW PHOTOS OF MANY ADMIRABLE SMALL TOWN PROJECTS



1.—WPA-built root cellar at Ware on the property of the town infirmary.

2.—Colonial type town hall built by WPA at New Salem.

3.—Bridge at Acton, typical of scores built and repaired by WPA after flood ravages of 1936.

4.—Part of playground and stone bleachers built by WPA at North Reading.

5.—Typical farm-to-market road showing WPA-built culvert and fence at Easthampton. Mt. Tom in background.

6.—Mashpee children, many of them descendents of Cape Cod Indians who welcomed and helped the Pilgrims through their first bitter winter, waiting for the bell to summon them to a hot noon lunch prepared by a WPA Nutrition Project.

7.—Part of 13 miles of sidewalks built by WPA in Millis.

Montague Fish Hatchery Completes Five New Pools

Better fishing for the Izaak Waltons of the state (fishermen to you) is assured by the completion by WPA at Montague State Fish Hatchery of five new holding pools. Each pool is 50 feet long, 10 feet wide.

Besides the pools the hatchery efficiency will be increased by the paving of a quarter-mile flood ditch to take care of water runoff preventing contamination of spring water used in the pools. Other improvements are graveling of hatchery roads, building of a new road in the vicinity of the pools and the cutting over of 20 acres of slopes surrounding the pools.

Previous projects improving the hatchery have increased the output of trout by hundreds of thousands, according to Supt. Ralph Bitz.

At Sutton the dams and outlets of the State Fish Hatchery there have also been improved by WPA workmen.

Oak Bluffs School Grounds Improved

Improvement of the grounds surrounding this Martha's Vineyard community's new school provides a proper setting for the new structure completed recently by WPA workmen.

After carefully grading a little more than an acre around the school WPA men set out twelve fir trees which provide a pleasant frame for the new building.

Modern Treatment Made Available for Infantile Cases at Baldwinsville

A bathing and wading pool being built by WPA at Baldwinsville Hospital Cottages for Crippled Children in the Town of Templeton will make available for youthful victims of infantile paralysis at the hospital modern treatment.

Work on two pools began last summer. It is expected the pools with bath houses, dressing rooms, heating plant and other work will be completed by June, making all year round bathing possible.

One pool is 100 x 40 feet while the wading pool for younger children will be 20 x 30 feet.

The hospital, subsidized by the state, is in a beautiful setting of pine groves and rolling fields where plenty of sunlight, fresh air and quiet constitute the general atmosphere.

PHOTO TAKEN IN FLORIDA, JAN. 27, 1938.

Farm-to-market road in Florida, Mass.

NAVIGATION STUDY DRAWS COSMOPOLITAN CLASSES

Students from all walks of life (from laborers to bankers, brokers, lawyers and doctors) are nightly attending WPA Navigation Classes to take up the fascinating study of how to find the way across the trackless wastes of the oceans as taught by instructors of the Recreation Project.

Recreation has practical navigators who have many times guided craft powered by either or both engines and sail through storms, squalls, hurricanes and typhoons in treacherous reef- and shoal-ridden waters of the seven seas.

Some of the students are young men eager for quartermaster's or master's papers. Others are yachtsmen who plan to cruise through unfamiliar waters and still others are those who have a love of the sea and study navigation for the sheer pleasure of knowing something about it.

The class in the salty city of Gloucester has graduated 200 men who have passed examinations for master's degrees since the project began. Hundreds of young men with the Yankee urge to follow the sea have earned berths because of knowledge gained in these navigation classes. The usual course lasts three months.

Included in the course is a day's work in reckoning, taking noon sights with sextant (shooting the sun), for latitude and night sighting fixed stars for longitude, pointing the compass, time sight, time of transit by stars and moon, buoyage, the international code and the many other phases of expert navigation.

Alexander McDonald, the teacher in Gloucester, ran away to sea at the age of 17 and has had fascinating experiences on the various oceans and in the most remote ports of the world. He maintains the WPA navigation classes are helping to build up the experienced manpower for the larger American merchant marine.

There are also WPA Navigation Classes in Quincy, Beverly, Reading and several other communities in addition to classes in marine engineering and related subjects.

So if you are interested in learning navigation gybe your boom to starboard, come about and join one to get on the right course. Avast!

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Carpenter Typing Bible

Albert Kent, 41, father of 11, is a Saugus WPA worker during the week, a lay preacher at the Atwood Chapel Sundays and some evenings.

Recently his children acquired a typewriter to facilitate their educations. As a hobby Carpenter-Preacher Kent is typing the entire Bible, 39 books, 929 chapters, 1,478,670 words.

"The typing will help increase my already wide knowledge of the Scriptures," says Mr. Kent.

"We promise to administer this program sympathetically with a genuine understanding of your needs and a deep conviction that all you ask is an opportunity to earn your living honorably."

—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

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TO ADD 20,000 TO STATE WPA ROLLS

INCREASE CAUSED BY ACUTE BUSINESS RECESSION.

Twenty thousand additional people are being added to the WPA rolls in Massachusetts.

This increase has been made possible by recent legislation of Congress which voted an additional appropriation to the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act so that the Works Program might be expanded and continued through the end of the fiscal year.

In Massachusetts the census of the number of persons unemployed showed a decided rise in the number of people who lost private jobs because of business recession. Cities and towns reported a greater number of employables receiving direct relief.

Cities and towns have been hard hit by the unemployment increase and the WPA employment of 20,000 more people, swelling the state total to 100,000 workers, will materially lessen the financial burden to communities.

The machinery of the State Office of the WPA is geared to its peak of efficiency so that the clerical work involved in the hiring of these new workers will not delay speedy assignments.

Administrator McDonough has notified city and town officials of the additional number of workers to be assigned.

Up until two weeks ago certifications were routed through area offices from the local communities. Now, the local certifying agencies send certifications direct to the State WPA Office. This has resulted in speedier assignments.

MAYORS' CLUB WPA APPRAISAL POPULAR

Massachusetts is enthusiastically receiving the United States Community Improvement Appraisal.

According to Mayor Edward J. Voke, President of the Mayors' Club of Massachusetts, which is sponsoring the state appraisal, every city and a large number of towns are taking part in this movement and will report on the Federal Works Program in their communities.

Every Mayor and every Selectman Chairman has been given an outline of the Appraisal by the Mayors' Club. The outline in brief asks: "What has the Federal Works Program meant to your community? What has been accomplished?"

Communities participating in the Appraisal are preparing reports summarizing the value of the Works Program in their districts. This report will be forwarded to the Mayors' Club and will be judged and evaluated by a distinguished group of unbiased citizens, members of the State Appraisal Committee.

Mayor Voke reports that there is still time for those communities which have not joined the Appraisal to do so. He wants every community to take part so that the Massachusetts state report will be complete.

The Appraisal comes to a close March 9.

All correspondence pertaining to the Appraisal should be addressed to Mayor Edward J. Voke, President, the Mayors' Club of Massachusetts, Room 314, 600 Washington Street, Boston.

Invitation

Groups interested in visiting Massachusetts WPA Headquarters, 600 Washington Street, Boston, Mass., should write WPA Administrator John J. McDonough at the above address.

This invitation is open to civic bodies, business organizations, public officials, schools, clubs or other groups interested in seeing how the affairs of 100,000 WPA workers in the commonwealth are administered.

APPRECIATES WPA

WORKS PROGRESS BULLETIN,
600 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen: I wish to thank you for the semi-monthly visits of the Works Progress Bulletin.

As I travel over our 127 miles of highways, I am deeply moved by a feeling of sincere gratitude for the permanent and worthwhile Town improvements received from the Federal aid, beginning with the C.W.A., when I was the local Administrator, the E.R.A. and present W.P.A.

The benefits our Town has received and continues to receive would have been long delayed had we been compelled to wait until our local tax-payers gave consent to bear the total cost of laying water mains, re-building highways, as well as other beneficial projects.

The employment situation, had it not been for this Federal aid would have been disheartening. It has prevented many an able-bodied and willing worker the humiliation of being aided by charities; it has served as a moral measure and a security program to scores of our citizens who had been cut off from every available means of earning money for food, clothing and shelter, and prevented them from being driven to a dole, which saps the character of those who live upon it, and if permitted to long continue would have ruined our community.

I am sorry to take so much of your time to read the above but cannot at this time refrain from mentioning the memories of helpful, courteous and sympathetic consideration of the District executives, among them Messrs. Como, Darling, Keville, and others. I have always found these officials ready and willing to assist in solving local problems.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) W. IRVING LINCOLN,
Chairman of Selectmen.
SCITUATE, MASSACHUSETTS

LEISURE TIME SHOW A HUGE SUCCESS

WATERSHEDS BEING IMPROVED AT CHICOPEE, HOLYOKE

Work which will improve the water supplies of Chicopee and Holyoke has begun on the watersheds serving those two populous centers.

In Chicopee the Cooley Brook reservoir and vicinity covering 1500 acres will be cleared of tree pest infected woodland and 100,000 evergreens, best trees for watersheds, will be planted. There will also be considerable trenching and draining of meadow land. About 134 men will work four months on the project.

In Holyoke the work will be carried on at Ashley Pond, High Pressure reservoir and the Whiting Street reservoir. Here, also, more than 100,000 conifers will be planted after pest infected trees and shrubs are removed.

ROUND OUT LEOMINSTER SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

So the final links of Leominster's new WPA-built sewage disposal system (a model of its kind) may be connected and unified, work has started on nearly four miles of new sewer pipe ranging in diameter from 8 to 15 inches.

The work will be carried on six days a week until completion and will employ about 260 with three gangs working double shifts.

Besides the pipe there will be installed 89 manholes, 23 catch-basins, several culverts and ditches.

Labor costs of about $80,000 will be paid by the Federal government and the City of Leominster will contribute $20,000 for materials.

THREE SCHOOLS RENOVATED IN PITTSFIELD

Spic and span for the first time in 15 years, renovation of three Pittsfield schools has been completed.

The project started in mid-December at the Crane, Tucker and Bartlett schools. The schools were renovated from top to bottom.

THOUSANDS SEE RECREATION GROUPS FROM TWO DOZEN COMMUNITIES GIVE EXHIBITION OF NUMEROUS PHASES OF WPA RECREATION

Like a many-faceted jewel the numerous activities of WPA Recreation Projects flashed before thousands last Friday afternoon and evening (February 25) at the gigantic Leisure Time Show held in Watertown High School with WPA recreation groups from 24 cities and towns participating.

Many who never before had any contact with the WPA Recreation Program expressed amazement and enthusiasm over the numerous interesting, healthful and educational ways to spend leisure time as demonstrated by hundreds of WPA recreation instructors and participants in the program.

After an afternoon spent in seeing numerous phases of arts and crafts activities in the high school gymnasium, the throng was treated to an elaborate revue of WPA-trained musicians, singers, dancers and thespians.

In the foyer of the school was an exhibit of large photographs showing stadiums, playgrounds, parks, swimming pools, tennis courts, baseball and football fields, hockey rinks, recreation buildings and other structures and constructions by WPA which facilitate the recreation program.

Hundreds stood fascinated in the gymnasium during the afternoon as they watched the busy hands of arts and crafts participants fashion scores of artistic and useful articles from raw materials. Before their eyes yacht models, exquisite wood carvings, delicate pieces of pottery, sculptures and a hundred other things were fashioned from basic materials.

Undoubtedly scores who had never considered taking up a hobby decided upon one as they saw the numerous interesting, often informative hobbies which can be followed even by busy men and women.

WPA instructors explained to women (and even men) who had never clicked a pair of knitting needles how easy it is to knit with proper instruction.

Other particularly interesting demonstrations were the exhibits which showed how useful and artistic objects may be fashioned from material which ordinarily goes to waste. These articles ranged from rugs which can be made from old rags to attractive ash trays made from old tin cans and pieces of metal and articles which can be made from broken and discarded furniture.

The "Living Show" during the evening in the Watertown High School auditorium would have done credit to professional entertainers so pleasing were the music, dancing, choral and orchestral groups from more than a score of communities.

Speakers were: Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough, WPA Administrator for Massachusetts; A. R. Wellington, New England representative, National Recreation Association; Charles F. Shaw, chairman of the Watertown Board of Selectmen, and Carl Rogers, head of the WPA Division of Education and Recreation.

Louis Varrichione, area supervisor of the Division of Education and Recreation, was master of ceremonies.

WORK PROGRESSES AT LITTLE RIVER SEWER PROJECT, HAVERHILL

FORMER WPA ENGINEER NOW SUPT. OF STREETS

Efficiency of Wallace A. Howes as a WPA engineer recently attracted attention up in Northampton. He was appointed Superintendent of Streets and Engineering for the city.

We hear from Northampton that Supt. Howes is carrying on his new job with the same business-like efficiency that marked his work with WPA. We congratulate both Supt. Howes and the City of Northampton.

SHREWSBURY GETS FIVE MILES OF WATER MAINS

Five miles of six-inch water mains are being laid in Shrewsbury to bring water service to new real estate developments and to supplement present inadequate water service in older sections of the town.

Work on the project, which will employ 167 men, will be carried on until next winter, when the project is expected to be completed.

The project, long approved by water department officials and selectmen, was impractical because of lack of funds now made available by WPA. Several earnest speeches at the last town meeting were made pointing out the betterment to health and fire protection the project will make possible. It will also spur real estate development in sections at present without running water.

The Federal government is allotting $59,789 to the project while the town is paying $40,993.

WPA BOOKBINDER FINDS FIRST EDITION OF PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

The little Town of Millbury's public library is $4000 richer because of the alertness of Fred LaTreverse, WPA bookbinder, who recognized a rare first edition of John Bunyan's immortal Pilgrim's Progress in a heap of moldy books in the library cellar.

Fred was sorting and stacking the tattered books, the first step in renovating them, when he came across the first edition. When he examined the title page his long experience as a bookbinder in private industry told him that he held in his hand a small fortune.

He called the attention of the town librarian to the thrilling discovery. With extreme care he repaired and rebound the book in its original cover. A Springfield book dealer appraised the value of the book at about $4000.

Undoubtedly the book has been in the vicinity of Millbury since early Colonial days when Pilgrim's Progress played such an important part in the lives of the country's founders. It will be kept under glass in the library in the future, one of its show pieces.

FIND ANCIENT CAMPAIGN COIN AT PEABODY

A coin bearing campaign slogans of President Franklin Pierce during the 1850s was found by a WPA worker helping convert the old Peabody high school building into a veterans' clubhouse.

About the size of a half-dollar the campaign coin was found embedded in the foundation. On one side of the disk was the legend "Gen. Franklin Pierce, the Statesman and Soldier." On the other side was the exhortation, "For President, Gen. Franklin Pierce of New Hampshire. For Vice President, William R. King of Alabama."

WPA DEVELOPED CHAMPION BOXER

The fistic prowess of Worcester's Eugene Robichaud was observed by WPA boxing instructors some months ago. He was carefully trained and sent to the Boston Arena late in January to participate in the amateur boxing tourney.

Gene justified the faith of his tutors by walking away with state championship in the 147-pound class. His WPA instructor is Joseph Pusateri.

BEDROOMS REPLACE HORSE STALLS IN FITCHBURG

When Water Street Fire Station was built in 1894 it was the last word in small firehouses with stalls, hayloft and plenty of room for horse-drawn apparatus.

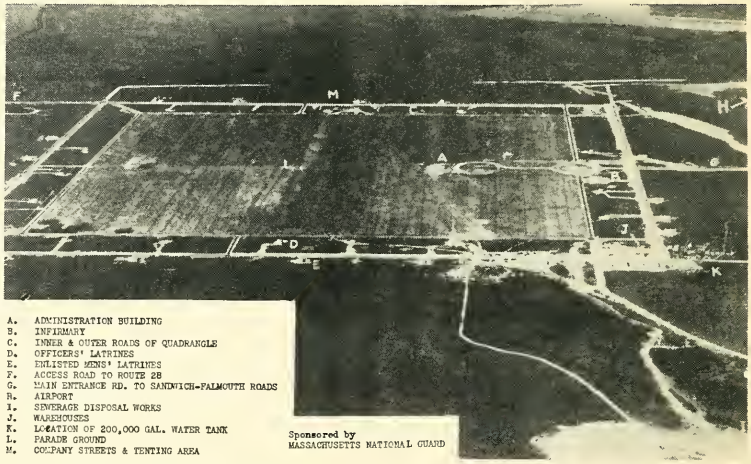
Long since motors replaced horses in fire departments, sleeping quarters for firemen, not horse stalls and haylofts, have been needed. But lack of money has prevented the change until the present WPA project was approved.

The renovation will provide sleeping quarters for firemen and new plumbing and electrical fixtures after stalls and hayloft have been removed.

IN TINY HINSDALE, 'way out in the western edge of the state, has been completed a project which cleared and grubbed 22 acres of land surrounding Belmont reservoir, considerably improving both the reservoir watershed and the quality of the water.

IN LEICESTER which has had several admirable WPA projects, men are cutting wood these days, assuring a wood supply to the needy of the town for the rest of this winter and part of next.

AIR VIEW OF WPA-BUILT BOURNE CAMP



AT MONTAGUE 75 acres of land on the town's watershed will be cleared and grubbed to prepare the way for the planting of 105,000 pine seedlings, best tree for reservoir watersheds. The project will also build a rubble wall more than a mile long around the town's main water supply reservoir, Lake Pleasant.

IN NORTHBRIDGE ancient brick sidewalks, dangerous in some places, which were laid beyond the memory of the oldest inhabitant, have been replaced with smooth cement walks recently completed on eight streets.

WALPOLE will have new sanitary sewers, replacing outmoded lines when a current project is completed.

LANCASTER is building five miles of good hard-surface farm-to-market roads.

LEOMINSTER has built a water filtration plant and a sewage disposal plant which are magnets which attract town engineers from many parts of the country to view an ideal small town water and sewage system.

TAUNTON TO CAN FISH FROM CITY'S FAMOUS HERRING RUN

Billions of herring which swarm up the Taunton river each spring are to be cooked and canned by the canning project of the Stove City.

In the past private industry has garnered the rich harvest of herring in order to make imitation mother-of-pearl from the herring scales after renting the rights to the herring run from the city.

This year city officials have decided the creation of food from the abundance of herring is infinitely more important than the manufacture of jewelry.

Last year city officials and WPA experimented by canning a comparatively small quantity of herring. They found the food delicious, according to Ephrem Pothier, supervisor of the Taunton Canning Project. The finished project will be boneless as canned salmon.

When the herring begin to run early in May we shall have a new product of WPA canning—toothsome canned herring.

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RENOVATION of WAKEFIELD TOWN BUILDING

BEFORE

AFTER

In Wakefield the old Lafayette schoolhouse was practically useless. WPA rebuilt the structure, which has become an attractive town hall.

Arthur Corbett Goes to Dept. of Labor

Arthur B. Corbett, Assistant Director of the Employment Division and Acting Director of the Compensation Division, has resigned his positions to accept a civil service appointment as a Field Inspector for the Department of Labor in Washington. Mr. Corbett will work out of the Washington Labor Office and his duties will carry him to all sections of the country.

In keeping with the policy of the State Administration to give promotions to workers in the ranks George H. Cottell, area supervisor of labor relations in the Fall River office, has been named acting assistant director of the Employment Division in Mr. Corbett's place.

John E. Burns, who was Assistant Director of the State Compensation Division, has been named Acting Director of the Compensation Division.

Michael O'Rourke, labor adjuster in the Brockton office, has been appointed area supervisor of Labor Relations for the Fall River area and Thomas J. Fleming, former labor adjuster in the Fall River office, will assume the duties of Mr. O'Rourke.

Invitation Still Open

Several organizations have taken advantage of WPA Administrator John J. McDonough's invitation to visit WPA headquarters at 600 Washington street, Boston, and inspect the manner in which the affairs of 100,000 WPA workers are administered.

The invitation is still open to interested business organizations, public officials, schools, civic bodies and other groups. Those wishing to visit WPA headquarters should contact Administrator McDonough whose office is Room 316, 600 Washington street, Boston, Mass.

MAYORS' CLUB GETS 140 WPA APPRAISAL REPORTS

Appraisal Committee Begins Work. Final Report Early in April

Mayor Edward J. Voke of Chelsea, President of the Mayors' Club of Massachusetts, has reported to The Bulletin that on Monday, March 14, he had received 140 completed WPA Appraisal Reports from cities and towns of the Commonwealth and expected at least 10 more from communities that had been granted report time extensions.

The Appraisal is the report from the individual community as to the worth of the Federal Works Program and these reports are to be judged by a distinguished group of Massachusetts citizens who will prepare a state report from the combined reports and send that report with copies of the individual reports to Washington where they will be summarized and evaluated as part of the United States Appraisal.

Last Tuesday the State Appraisal Committee held its first meeting, engaged in preliminary reviewing and made plans for the final report which is expected to be ready about April 1st.

The Appraisal Committee includes:

Harrison Eddy Jr., President of Metcalf & Eddy, Boston engineering firm; Henry I. Harriman, noted architect; H. V. R. Swartz, Editor of New England Construction Magazine; Axel Zetterman, Executive Secretary of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association; Miss Elisabeth Herlihy, Chairman of the State Planning Board; Dr. Hugh P. Baker, President of Massachusetts State College; Julian Steele, Director of the Robert Gould Shaw House; Owen Johnson, noted author; Mrs. Louis McHenry Howe of Fall River; Charles S. Ashley, realtor of New Bedford; John F. Gatelee, State President of the American Federation of Labor; John F. Walsh, Secretary of the Building Trades Employers Association.

New Salem Road, Closed 20 Years, To Be Rebuilt by WPA Project

Closed for the past 20 years, Moosehorn road in New Salem, trod by Colonists in the 1700's and washed out by flood waters, will be rebuilt by a project which recently began operations.

Heavy storms, 20 years ago, dug five-foot gullies in the road and made it too dangerous for even horse-drawn vehicles. The gullies and road are now covered with underbrush which will be cleared away by WPA workmen.

The road is an ancient one, originally an Indian trail which connects with Wendell road and the historic Daniel Shays highway.

Complete Restoration of Lynn's Storm-Ravaged Trees

Hundreds of Lynn trees were blown down or badly damaged during the terrific wind and rainstorm which swept the North Shore on Aug. 24, 1936.

When Lynn's park department had completed a survey it found that more than 300 elm, chestnut, maple and poplar trees had been so badly damaged that they would have to be removed. There was a danger of the Dutch elm disease getting a foothold in the broken trees.

For a year and a half WPA workers have been removing stumps, replacing them with young trees; trimming broken limbs, filling cavities and all the other phases of well-directed tree surgery.

With the project completed the continuing beauty of the Shoe City's tree-lined streets is assured.

WPA Man Invents New Sports Gear

A new type basket in which the net will not become entangled in the hoop causing delays during basketball games has been invented by Joseph Bennett, recreation instructor at Worcester's Salem street center.

The new basket not only has a net of steel link rings to prevent the ball fouling the net but electrical connections so that when a goal is made red lights flash and a high-pitched horn announce the fact that the ball has been caged.

Instructor Bennett teaches woodworking. His classes in model yacht building are extremely popular in Worcester.

WPA ADULT EDUCATION A BOON TO THOUSANDS OF GROWNUPS

Perhaps the most valuable education is that which one absorbs after formal school days are over. Countless men and women with inquisitive types of mind feel the void in their lives because their education was cut short for economic or other reasons.

A boon to thousands of this type is the WPA program of adult education and particularly the WPA Opportunity School at 25 Warrenton street, Boston. There are 40 courses, ranging from elementary school subjects to college preparatory training. Since last October nearly 2000 persons from metropolitan Boston have enrolled.

For those who want to prepare themselves for better jobs there are courses in stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping, salesmanship, business English, commercial arithmetic, operation of office machines and the like.

For those who work best with their hands there are courses in operating power machines used in dress manufacturing plants.

For those who aim toward government service there are courses to prepare them for Civil Service examinations.

Women (and men, too) may learn how to make and repair their own garments and decorations for their homes. Millinery, embroidery, knitting and rug making are taught by experts in those fields. The making of crepe paper novelties, such as artificial flowers, attracts large classes.

Newcomers to this country may learn to read and write as a first step toward citizenship.

Those who wish to improve themselves culturally or to develop modes of self-expression may study music, harmony, painting, drawing, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Russian or psychology.

Last, perhaps least, students may study journalism (save the mark!), printing, telegraphy or current events.

A new phase of the school will have Saturday morning classes for WPA workers provided there are sufficient registrations to justify holding classes at that time. WPA workers of Greater Boston who are interested should register at the school in person or by mail.

It is well named—Opportunity School. Those interested in any of the classes should contact E. J. Rowse, 25 Warrenton street, Boston, Mass. Similar schools in other parts of the state may be reached through WPA offices.

WPA WORKERS RESCUE QUINCY WOMAN FROM DROWNING IN CREEK

Life saving knowledge gained in WPA classes, plus the courage of WPA workers prevented a woman from drowning in a suicide attempt recently in Black's Creek in Furnace Brook Parkway, Quincy.

A WPA gang was working in the parkway under the supervision of Wilbur "Bill" Payne when the 44-year-old woman climbed a white fence beside the creek, waved what she thought was a last goodbye to the world and plunged through the thin ice.

Dropping their tools as they grabbed rope, the half dozen WPA workmen sprinted toward the spot where the woman was floundering in the hole her plunge had made in the ice.

As the men ran to the rescue, Supervisor Payne shouted to one of the men to call an ambulance. Before the workmen had fished the drowning woman from the frigid water the ambulance was rushing to the scene.

The WPA workmen were applying first aid to the woman when the ambulance arrived a few minutes later and rushed her to Quincy Hospital.

The WPA heroes are: Supervisor Payne, Domenic Lostrappo, John Clancy, John Buchill, Anthony Garcia, Walter Kampilla and John Ward, all of Quincy. We are proud of them.

RUTLAND'S new Intervale road bridge, replacing an old bridge abandoned several years ago as unsafe, saves a walk or drive of about two miles.

PALMER has completed a water main and sewer project which has provided these necessities to several streets which did not have them before. Palmer has also improved its water supply by work around and at the reservoir. An unpleasant taste in the water has been eliminated by the work.

ROCKLAND, WELLFLEET AND DIGHTON, down on Cape Cod, will have less fear of the ravages of forest fires after a fire lane project in the woodlands is completed. Roads so narrow in Rutland that snow-plows cannot be used, causing the closing of the roads during winter months, will be widened. Pumping Station road, a quagmire in spring and fall rainy seasons, will be improved.

HOLLAND

Pond Bridge road in Holland, Mass., damaged by the 1936 flood and repaired by WPA.

WALES

WPA-built culvert at Wales, Mass.

Spencer's CCC Camp To Be Used by NYA

Camp buildings in Spencer, abandoned by a shift of CCC units and renovated by WPA will be ready for use by NYA about the first of the month.

The camp, on the shores of Lake Howe, is the first in Massachusetts to be patterned along the lines of the camp at Passamaquoddy, Maine.

The first encampment of NYA will include about 70 boys who will remain at the camp for about five months. They will be instructed in camp management, cafe supervision, home mechanics and various types of similar work. Seven instructors will be assigned to the camp. The 70 NYA youths will range in age from 18 to 25.

Cleaning 4000 Feet of Worcester Pipe

The difficult task of cleaning 4000 feet of water pipe, clogged with roots and other barriers is being undertaken by a WPA project in Worcester.

To reach the pipes to be cleaned it will be necessary to dig shafts along the water pipe line to an average depth of from four to five feet. The pipes will be cleaned by forcing long rods and cleaning brushes through them.

Results will be an increase in water pressure and a better quality of water.

WPA REMOVING ABUTMENTS OF RAILROAD THAT WAS NEVER USED

Concrete abutments which have stood as stark tombstones of a railroad built 27 years ago and never used are being removed as traffic hazards in the vicinity of Ludlow.

The road was the Hampden Railroad, a branch of the Boston & Maine, extending from Springfield to Bondsville. Shortly before the road was completed a bitter court fight developed with the Boston & Maine opposed by the New Haven and New York Central Lines. The B. & M.'s opposition won and the brand new railroad line never knew the roar of a freight train or the swift movement of passenger trains over the branch.

The rails and steel work of bridges were salvaged by the builders and, as time went on, railroad stations which were never used for that purpose were moved and converted to other uses or torn down for the material they contained.

Bridges were removed by an act of the Legislature in 1930.

The last remaining vestiges of the railroad will be removed by WPA workmen because they interfere with the road view of motorists and constitute traffic hazards. In Ludlow there are abutments to be removed on North, Chapin, Alden and Miller streets.

Salem Model Boat Regatta

Model yachts, similar in design to the Ranger, defender of the America's Cup, are being built at the Salem recreation project and will participate in a regatta April 15 under the direction of WPA officials and Commodore Fred Burrage of the Salem Model Yacht Club.

The 50-inch model yachts will each carry 800 square inches of sail and have flat bottom keels similar to the Ranger's.

Raze War Buildings

World war memories are being evoked by WPA workers engaged in tearing down the war-time buildings at Fort Devens.

The 36 buildings being razed have been found unsafe for further use. Considerable lumber and other material are being salvaged for WPA construction.

Holyoke Completes 2 Miles of Sewers

Almost a year to the day after the project began, Holyoke WPA workers have completed a huge sewer project which extends more than 2 miles throughout the city.

The blanket sewer project began March 4, 1937 and was completed March 1, 1938. The city contributed $130,988, most of which was spent for materials, and the Federal government allocated $104,659 for labor. Total length completed is 12,017 feet.

Many of the sewer trenches, ranging in depth from 8 to 18 feet, were cut through solid ledge. The sewer pipes range from 8 to 36 inches.

In the Smith's Ferry section of Holyoke a storm and sanitary sewer was installed while Northampton street was being enlarged to a four-lane highway, thus saving the city the future expense of digging up the newly built street.

The Pleasant street relief sewer was laid to overcome the overflow from the Fairfield avenue and Lincoln street sewers and the root growth which had forced its way into joints.

The Berkshire street sewer, a huge by-pass system, was strengthened.

Residents of the Cherry street section bid a glad good-bye to the cesspool and septic tank system and welcomed the new sewer 3101 feet long.

WPA Bits

Leo F. Wallace, formerly of Time Control, is now WPA Coordinator in Fitchburg, having been appointed by Mayor Alfred J. Woollacott to succeed George A. Lanides. Coordinator Wallace was given a testimonial surprise dinner by his former associates in Time Control. . . . John F. Kelliher, supervisor of the Falulah reservoir project in Ashby, has been drawn as a juror. Good morning, judge. . . . Tewksbury's board of public welfare annual report says, "We fully appreciate the splendid cooperation given by WPA employes as well as the quality of their work." . . . Francis A. McCann, Leominster recreation supervisor, was married to Miss Elsie Marquis of Leominster recently. Francis was on the 1936 Holy Cross football squad. . . . Police Chief Charles R. Vose of Lawrence says, "I consider the activities of the WPA recreational service in Lawrence as the greatest factor in our juvenile delinquency cases where there has been a considerable decrease." . . . Did the Area Four Bowling Team (Dave Fitzmaurice and Richard Fitzgerald) give a return match to Coordinator Johnny Martin and his assistant, George Griffin, whom Dave and Dick defeated? . . .

"IF WINTER COMES—"

"If Winter comes, will Spring be far behind," sang a poet. All during the past winter WPA workmen have carried on outdoor projects, often overcoming considerable obstacles. The men shown above are working on the Clayton-Southfield road in New Marlboro.

WPA FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD PROJECTS IN FULL SWING

Miles of muddy and gully-ridden roads are being hard-surfaced by scores of farm-to-market road projects throughout the state as spring approaches.

Farmers throughout the state are enthusiastic over the hundreds of miles of farm-to-market roads built by work relief labor in recent years which have facilitated the movement of farm products to markets.

Merrimac's board of selectmen say in their annual report, "One of the projects which was outstanding was the continuous operation of farm-to-market roads which otherwise could not have been rebuilt at this time with town funds."

In Templetown about eight miles of farm-to-market roads are being improved which will be a boon to that farming community.

In Winchendon nearly eight miles of farm-to-market roads, also used by rural mail carriers and school buses, are being conditioned.

In Hardwick there will be few if any poor roads in the town when the farm-to-market roads are completed. Thirty will be improved.

In Sturbridge there will be nearly five miles of secondary roads hard-surfaced this year. About 144 feet of 12-inch drain pipe will be installed to drain the low spots in the roads.

Scores of other farming communities throughout the state are also being benefited by farm-to-market road projects.

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North Adams Kiwanians Suggest WPA Projects

Five suggestions for new WPA projects in North Adams were made by members of the Kiwanis Club recently after James Kiley, WPA supervisor, had given a talk outlining WPA accomplishments in the town.

During his speech, Supervisor Kiley described improvements at the city's watershed and reservoir at Mt. Williams where work relief laborers have been working since CWA days.

During the following discussion period Kiwanians evinced keen interest in WPA work and made five constructive suggestions for new WPA projects.

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

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MASSACHUSETTS

LIEUT. COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH, State Administrator.

USA WORK PROGRAM WPA

APRIL 5, 1938

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

MASSACHUSETTS APPRAISAL COMMITTEE

Seated left to right: Mrs. Louis McHenry Howe, Social Service Authority and Postmaster of Fall River; Hon. Edward J. Voke, Mayor of Chelsea and President of the Mayors Club of Massachusetts, Appraisal Sponsor; Miss Elisabeth M. Herlihy, Chairman Massachusetts State Planning Board and Chairman of the Appraisal Committee. Standing left to right: Owen Johnson, Noted Author and President of the Berkshire County Association; H. V. R. Swartz, Editor of The New England Construction Magazine; Axel Zetterman, Executive Secretary, Massachusetts Selectmen's Association; E. Sherman Chase, Partner, Metcalf & Eddy Engineering Co.; Mr. Alexander Cance, Professor of Economics, Massachusetts State College; John F. Walsh, Secretary, Building Trades Employers Association.

MASSACHUSETTS APPRAISAL COMMITTEE HOLDS ITS FINAL MEETING

The final meeting of the Massachusetts Appraisal Committee of the United States Community Improvement Appraisal was in session, April 1 at 600 Washington Street, Boston, as The Bulletin went to press.

At this meeting the Committee, headed by the Committee Chairman, Miss Elisabeth M. Herlihy, Chairman of the State Planning Board, will prepare the state report as to the worth of the Federal Works Program and send this report with copies of reports from the individual communities to the Washington Office of the National Appraisal Committee.

In the next issue of The Bulletin the report of the Committee will be published.

Certificates of Merit

Certificates of merit will be awarded to the communities which have submitted the best reports by the Mayors Club of Massachusetts, sponsor of the Appraisal in this state.

Mayor Edward J. Voke, of Chelsea, club president, has announced that certificates will be awarded on the following basis:

1. Best report of all communities.
2. Best report of cities from 60,000 to 100,000.
3. Best report of communities from 20,000 to 60,000.
4. Best report of communities from 5,000 to 20,000.
5. Best report of communities from 1,000 to 5,000.
6. Best report of communities under 1,000.

As of March 29, the Appraisal Committee had received reports from 156 Massachusetts cities and towns.

Foremanship Training Sessions Successful

Sixty classes in forty-four cities and towns had successfully completed Massachusetts Works Progress Administration Foremanship Training Courses, Thursday, March 24.

Classes in the City of Worcester will be continued through April 8, making a total of 45 community participants representing every section of the state and boasting an attendance record of 1,897 students.

Classes started February 15 and were enthusiastically received in all sections by workers who gave freely of their personal time as all classes were held after WPA working hours.

So great was the response from WPA workers that all desiring to enroll could not be accommodated due to lack of additional class quarters and additional foremanship training leaders.

According to C. B. Hall, Director of WPA Operations, who supervised all classes assisted by George W. Callahan, field engineer, new classes will start in April to care for those workers who could not be accommodated during the last session.

Group ideas and experiences were exchanged during the classes and competent leaders discussed subjects which added to the individual's knowledge.

Classes were held in:

Chicopee, Holyoke, Springfield, Northampton, Westfield, Palmer, Greenfield, Pittsfield, North Adams, Worcester (3), Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner, Clinton, Milford, Southbridge, Fall River, New Bedford, Taunton, Attleboro, Brockton, Quincy, Boston (12), Salem, Revere, Newburyport, Lynn, Gloucester, Chelsea, Lowell, Haverhill, Lawrence, Arlington, Cambridge, Everett, Framingham, Malden, Marlboro, Medford, Melrose, Newton, Somerville, Waltham, Watertown and Woburn.

BOSTON'S NEWEST CITY GOLF COURSE COMPLETED

Wright Municipal Golf Clubhouse, Rear View, Showing Steps Leading to First Tee.

GEORGE WRIGHT MUNICIPAL LINKS OPENS APRIL 10

Dedication Later

To anyone who has been away from Boston four or five years it seems as if a magical wand has been waved over the rocky, swampy and underbrush-tangled Grew's Woods on the Hyde Park-Roslindale border.

Instead of the rocks and underbrush of a few years ago a beautiful 18-hole golf course, second to none in the country, now lies smiling in the spring sunshine and showers. Atop a knoll beside West street is a spacious clubhouse that is as lovely an example of Norman architecture as may be found in this country.

Boston's newest golf links, the George Wright Municipal Golf Course, is an achievement of which the WPA workmen who built it may well be proud. The course will be opened to the public about April 10. The official dedication will be held later in the spring.

Between four and five tons of dynamite were used in blasting away ledges and rocky outcroppings. Rock removed was later used in building the foundation of the clubhouse, about a mile of natural stone walls, where natural barriers do not enclose the course, and the wall around the service yard.

Under each fairway are 6 to 30-inch drains. Two brooks were re-located, rip-rapped and combined with the ingenious drainage system which is hooked up to the huge drain under the 12th fairway leading to the city sewer system.

There are separate irrigation systems for the greens and fairways. Every 90 feet under each fairway is a snap valve which can be attached to sprinklers. Pressure is provided by a pumphouse near the clubhouse. The greens irrigation system is provided sufficient pressure by the regular city water system.

When the long, arduous work of building the golf course was within sight of completion WPA engineers turned their attention to the building of a comfortable, beautiful and modern clubhouse. The top was sliced from a rocky knoll on West street on the boundary of Hyde Park and Roslindale (the line bisects the clubhouse dining room).

Behind the club are terraces and stone steps leading down to the first tee. The course is laid out so the ninth green is near the clubhouse in the event a golfer wishes to play only half the course.

South of the clubhouse is a parking space for about 500 automobiles.

WPA HELPS AVIATION WITH AIRPORTS, AIR MARKERS

Aviation in Massachusetts is continually being aided by WPA projects which are building airports and painting air markers throughout the state.

After two years' work WPA has completed the Franklin Airport at Turners Falls which is sponsored by the Town of Montague. At the start of the work Turners Falls was co-sponsor but Montague later took over sole sponsorship.

During the flood of 1936 Montague was marooned and food and medical supplies were flown to the then tiny airport. With the importance of the airport thus emphasized WPA started to enlarge it. Three runways each 3,250 feet long and 500 feet wide have been completed. A roadway nearly 4,000 feet long has been built around the field, eliminating one which cut across the airport.

The airport is in direct line from Boston and the west and constitutes an admirable emergency landing field in the Berkshires.

In Westfield, Barnes Airport will have facilities for night flying when WPA completes a lighting system. Present runways will be widened to 500 feet.

Throughout the state WPA crews are again busy providing air markers with symbols 20 feet long with meridian marks and arrows pointing to the north and to the nearest airport.

Worcester Girls Study Housekeeping

Twenty-four girls, determined to fit themselves for domestic service, have begun a ten weeks' course in household management, cooking, meal planning and related subjects at the WPA household demonstration center, 11 Schussler road, Worcester.

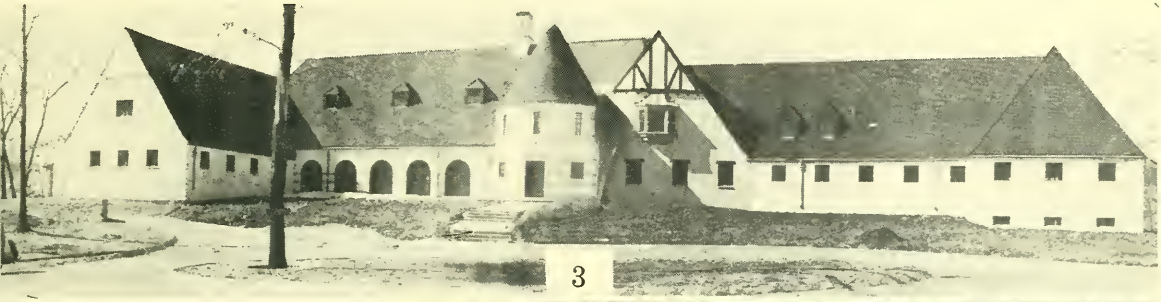
In the past all graduates of this course have had no difficulty in securing employment as maids or housekeepers.

Lunenburg Indexes Records

About 20,000 records of births, deaths and marriages in Lunenburg dating from 1728 are to be indexed and catalogued by WPA. Fitchburg and Ashby were once part of the ancient town of Lunenburg.

Town Clerk V. A. Huntington has provided cards and other necessary materials for the work which is expected to reveal many forgotten phases of Lunenburg history and to enable residents of the present and future easier access to the town's vital statistics of the past 200 years.

GEORGE WRIGHT MUNICIPAL GOLF LINKS



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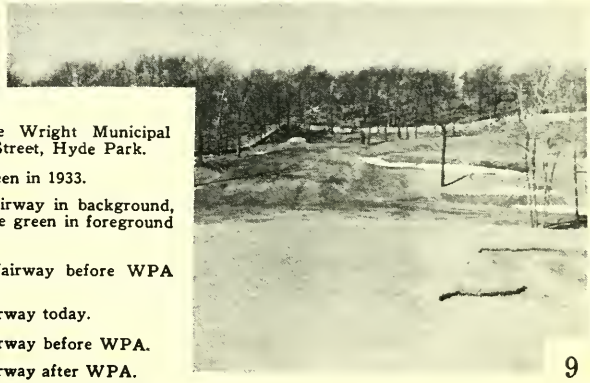

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3 Front of George Wright Municipal Golf Clubhouse, West Street, Hyde Park.

4 No. 1 tee and green in 1933.

5 No. 1 tee and fairway in background, No. 18 hole and practice green in foreground as they look today.

6 No. 2 tee and fairway before WPA construction.

7 No. 2 tee and fairway today.

8 No. 4 tee and fairway before WPA.

9 No. 4 tee and fairway after WPA.

Blanket Project Will Improve Worcester Parks

Worcester will improve its parks and playgrounds under a blanket project which began last week.

Included in the improvements are a new baseball field, a casting pool for fishing enthusiasts, roads, driveways, tree trimming, loaming, grading, building of settees and construction and repairs of tennis courts.

To do all the work planned it will be necessary to excavate 30,000 cubic yards of earth with a steam shovel and 15,000 cubic yards by hand.

At Vernon Hill park, where much of the work will be carried on, a retaining wall 225 feet long is planned to prevent erosion to a hillside.

Final Stage of Spencer Water System Under Way

Eighty-two families in an area containing 528 acres will enjoy the improved water service in Spencer when a water main project, carried on under CWA, ERA and WPA, is completed.

The project is replacing 54-year-old pipes of small dimension with larger mains. Some of the old mains are only two and four inches in diameter. They are being replaced with six- and eight-inch mains.

The work in Spencer is being carried on on Mechanic street from Chestnut street to the town line and on Prospect, Dustin and Casey streets.

Navy Yard News Praises WPA-Built Tennis Courts

In a recent issue of the Boston Navy Yard News, a columnist, The Yard Philosopher, says: "Those tennis courts upon which the WPA labored last year are unquestionably among the finest and are considered by some authorities to be the best in New England. The combination—science and careful workmanship—has produced a job of which the yard can rightfully boast."

Holyoke Painting City Gas Tank

Holyoke's municipal gas tank is getting painted for the first time in 10 years. WPA workmen recently began giving the 58,635 square feet of the tank's surface two coats of aluminum and gray paint. The project will employ 19 men about two months.

IMPROVED BERKSHIRE ROAD

Farm-to-market road at French King Bridge, Erving.

PLYMOUTH SELECTMEN PRAISE WPA COOPERATION

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Selectmen

Col. John J. McDonough, Administrator
Works Progress Administration
600 Washington Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen held Thursday, March 10, I was instructed to write and thank you for your splendid cooperation with us on the W.P.A. since you took over those important duties.

You are no doubt aware that the Selectmen's Association in convention at the Gardner Auditorium last month passed a resolution abolishing the W.P.A. Three of the members of this Board were present at that meeting and voted against this resolution, knowing that if there were no W.P.A. the finances of the Town of Plymouth would be in a very serious condition.

We would also like to mention some of your subordinates who have given us their whole-hearted cooperation in their various fields. We refer to Messrs. Como, Taber, Chapman from the Fall River office, and Messrs. Fitzgerald, Dwyer, and Burgess of the Boston office.

We believe that these men are entitled to a great deal of credit and we want to take this opportunity of thanking them, through you, for the assistance they have rendered us.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) JAMES A. WHITE
Chairman of Selectmen

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PUBLICITY DIVISION W.P.A. BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Fitchburg Making Rural Road Survey

To prevent needless law suits growing out of controversies over property lines a WPA rural roads survey project has started in Fitchburg.

The project will map all rural roads, locations of boundaries and other vital information concerning property lines. Many of the rural roads of Fitchburg have never been surveyed and information gathered by the project will be of considerable value to the city engineer and property owners. Cement boundary markers will be placed at points which are at present unmarked.

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

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STATE APPRAISAL COMMITTEE COMPLETES LOCAL FEDERAL WORK RELIEF REPORT

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"There seems to be no doubt in the minds of the reporting officials that work relief is distinctly preferable to direct relief. . . ."

These quotations are only a few of the pertinent observations contained in the report of the Massachusetts Appraisal Committee, judge of the Massachusetts chapter of the United States Community Improvement Appraisal which was sponsored here by the Mayors Club of Massachusetts.

A copy of this report, first of its kind to be made in New England, has been forwarded to Col. John J. McDonough, Massachusetts WPA Administrator.

The report is a survey of 157 reports by Mayors, Selectmen and other local officials and is part of a National Survey made under the sponsorship of: The American Association of Planning Officials; American Institute of Architects; American Municipal Association; American Public Welfare Association; National Aeronautic Association; National Education Association; National Recreation Association; United States Bureau of Public Road; United States Conference of Mayors, and The Works Progress Administration.

The Massachusetts Appraisal was conducted under the direction of the Hon. Edward J. Voke, Mayors' Club President and Mayor of Chelsea.

Reports received represented communities containing more than 70 per cent of the state population.

The Committee reported that the City of Chelsea submitted the best report of all entered. Other best reports were:

For Cities over 60,000 ..... Lawrence
For Communities from 20 to 60,000 ..... Haverhill
For Communities from 5 to 20,000 ..... Athol
For Communities under 5,000 ..... New Salem

The report of the State Appraisal Committee, with copies of the reports from the individual cities and towns, has been forwarded to Washington where it will be judged with reports from the other states in the country.

MASS. APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Seated left to right: Hon. Edward J. Voke, Mayor of Chelsea and President of the Mayors Club of Massachusetts; Miss Elisabeth M. Herlihy, Chairman of the State Planning Board; Col. John J. McDonough, State WPA Administrator and guest of the Committee. Standing left to right: John F. Walsh, Secretary of the Building Trades Employers Service; Owen Johnson, President of the Berkshire County Association; Axel Zetterman, Executive Secretary of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association.

The Committee's full findings are attached hereto.

Honorable Edward J. Voke, President
The Mayors' Club of Massachusetts
Room 314, 600 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure of submitting to you herewith on behalf of the Massachusetts State Appraisal Committee of the United States Community Improvement Appraisal a report of the Committee's findings, based upon the returns made from 157 cities and towns of this Commonwealth relative to the immediate usefulness and the permanent value of the various Federal Relief Programs.

The Committee appointed by Your Honor to conduct this survey consists of the following:

AN OPEN INVITATION

Business organizations, civic bodies, public officials, schools, business colleges, clubs and other groups interested in how the WPA employs and pays 100,000 workers are invited by Administrator McDonough to visit Massachusetts WPA Headquarters, 600 Washington Street, Boston.

Interested parties should telephone, write, or call in person, at the Administrator's Office, 600 Washington Street.

To date a large number of city and town officials, and other groups, have accepted this standing invitation.

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STATE APPRAISAL

Continued

Chairman, Miss Elisabeth M. Herlihy, Chairman of the State Planning Board; Mrs. Louis McHenry Howe, Social Service Authority and Postmaster of Fall River; John F. Walsh, Secretary, Building Trades Employers Association; H. V. R. Scwartz, Editor, The New England Construction Magazine; Owen Johnson, noted author and President of the Berkshire County Association; E. Sherman Chase, Partner, Metcalf & Eddy Engineering Co.; Professor Charles J. Rohr, Massachusetts State College; and Axel Zetterman, Executive Secretary of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association.

At the first meeting of the Committee I was honored in being chosen as Chairman of the group. The returns from the cities and towns have been examined by the members of the Committee and they, in turn, have submitted individual reports to the Chairman. Acting under a further vote, I designated Messrs. Johnson, Walsh & Zetterman, as a committee of three to work with the Chairman in the drafting of this final report which, in effect, is a composite presentation of the views of the various members.

In order to achieve uniformity in the presentation of this material, we have followed the headings indicated in the operating plan of the United States Community Improvement Appraisal, i.e.:

I. Individual Situation (History)

In this connection, certain general facts with regard to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts should be kept in mind as well as conditions in its various political subdivisions.

Massachusetts has an area of 7,876 square miles and a population of 4,350,910, according to the 1935 Decennial Census. This means that Massachusetts with an average density of 552 people per square mile is the third most crowded state in the United States. The western part of the State is traversed its entire width by the Connecticut River and a substantial section of the eastern portion is traversed by the Merrimack River.

It so happens that while these relief programs were under way, the people in the valleys of the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers sustained serious losses through floods. In March 1936 the losses to Massachusetts occasioned by floods in the Connecticut River Valley amounted to $18,661,493, while in the Merrimack River Valley at the same period the total losses in the State of Massachusetts amounted to $15,739,671. With the assistance of Federal funds, both to the State and to the individual communities, it has been possible to restore these flood areas in large measure to their original condition. That is to say, the people have been rehabilitated in their homes, bridges have been rebuilt and roads constructed, while, at the same time, a certain amount of dike and channel work has been carried on and will afford some protection against a similar recurrence in future years.

Another outstanding factor, which is perhaps particularly important in this Commonwealth, is that through the construction of farm to market roads many sections of the rural areas have been made accessible at all seasons of the year. The relative importance of these rural areas in Massachusetts is too often lost sight of. As a matter of fact, half of the land area of this Commonwealth is in farms, to the number of 35,000 with a total investment in farm land and buildings of well over $256,000,000. Of all Massachusetts' industries, agriculture has the second highest capital investment, exceeded only by the cotton textiles industry. It can readily be seen, therefore, that accessibility to these rural areas is of the utmost importance in the marketing of agricultural products, and the advancement, promotion and well-being of the industry.

One other factor is outstanding in an appraisal of the value of work relief programs in this Commonwealth. Recreation has made a remarkable advance in recent years and has taken on new meaning in the minds of the public at large. From the simple question of providing opportunity for play for children in congested urban centers the profitable use of leisure time has come to be one of the most serious social problems of the present generation. Through Federal funds there has been built up in the individual cities and towns a most valuable program of recreational activities in addition to recreational opportunities. It would be a great pity from the standpoint of health and morals if these recreational programs should be abandoned. The few years that they have been in operation may be looked upon as experimental to a certain extent, but they, nevertheless, point the way to a permanent program of the utmost value and benefit.

So far as the local communities are concerned, it is common knowledge that there was scarcely a municipality in Massachusetts without a serious unemployment problem at the beginning of the work relief program. In the matter of need for public improvements, it is generally true that no municipality in the Commonwealth is ever "caught up" on a program of public betterments. This was the case in 1933 and is the case now. Without a more detailed study than the available time has permitted, it is impossible to summarize quantitatively the improvements made under the work relief program, but it is safe to say that in most instances if this assistance had not been rendered, the communities would not have been able to carry on. Unemployment was a problem too big for the individual communities and even for the State. A majority of the reports are inadequate so far as inventories are concerned, but the fact stands out in every instance that the need for aid was imperative.

II. Coverage of Need

From the returns received to date it would appear that the projects initiated have been reasonably adequate to cover the work relief needs of the different communities, particularly so far as emergency conditions existed. The communities have always been called upon to carry a certain amount of welfare recipients, unemployables, etc., and always will. Additional projects might have been undertaken by certain localities to the benefit of the community, and, as a matter of fact, many have been submitted and even approved, but for one reason or another have not been undertaken. Taken as a whole, however, it would appear that the situation had been met fairly well.

III. Local Planning

From the returns received, it would appear that there had been little conscious effort on the part of the communities to harmonize the projects with a local planning program. For this reason, the full effect of the improvements has not always been secured. There are, at the present time, 145 local planning boards and committees in existence in this

WPA Sewing Project, Fall River

Commonwealth. Many of them are well equipped as far as personnel and a modest appropriation are concerned to render constructive service. The enactment of Chapter 211 of the Acts of the Year 1936 gives to the local planning boards under certain conditions control of subdivision plats, etc. The Committee is of the opinion, therefore, that in adoption of further work relief programs which, in all reason, must be continued for some time to come, definite provision should be made for active participation by the local planning agencies. Work relief programs to be permanently successful with a minimum amount of waste motion must have the benefit of advance planning and supervision.

IV. Local Costs

The proportion of direct costs met locally cannot be exactly stated without more time and data than are available. A very rough estimate would be to the effect that about one-quarter of the costs of all work relief projects was paid for out of local appropriations.

V. Construction

In addition to the farm to market roads already commented upon in Paragraph I and the rehabilitation work made necessary by the flood of 1936, there have been other improvements of a definite and permanent value. Many miles of sidewalks have been constructed affording safety and protection to the pedestrians and relieving the motorists from the constant strain of watching for people along the sides of the road, particularly in rainy weather or where the lighting is inadequate. It is true that these sidewalks have not been found a necessary part of a public works program in the past, but it is also true that the extensive system of improved highways and the unprecedented development of automobiles is of comparatively new origin. Sidewalks are but a natural adjunct to highway development and in all probability would have been shortly demanded by the traveling public.

Another development which has permanent value and protection is found in the construction of water holes, particularly in the rural communities with the opportunities they afford for protection in case of fire. A vast amount of road work has been done, public buildings and bridges built and modernized, sewer and water systems and reservoirs constructed, hospitals erected, playgrounds and airports developed. Swimming pools, filtration plants, sewage and water disposal plants, stadia and similar projects have all contributed to the permanent benefit of the communities.

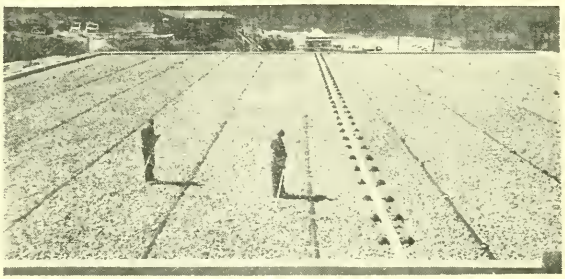
WPA Labor at Lowell Reservoir, Fitchburg

VI. Non-Construction

Outstanding in this category is the recreational work which has already been discussed and to which attention is again called at this time. The sewing projects for women have been of real value, as have been the canning projects, the nursery schools, household training, bookbinding and professional projects, moth control work, dancing and music classes. They have not only accomplished the primary purpose of providing work for the unemployed, but they have at the same time been possessed of considerable intrinsic merit.

VII. Quality of Workmanship

For the most part the communities appear to be well satisfied with the quality of workmanship. This is significant in view of the fact that in many instances men and women were assigned to tasks for which they had no previous training or experience. It is appreciated that every effort has been made to assign the workers to projects for which they were suited. This was not always possible, particularly during ERA and CWA activities when the necessity for meeting an emergency was the uppermost thought.



WPA Built Sewage Disposal Plant, Framingham

VIII. Improvement of Civic Standards

There is ample evidence in the returns from the various communities of a very definite contribution toward the improvement of civic standards. In almost every instance attention is called to the fact that through the adoption of these work relief programs, tax rates have been favorably affected and the relief burden has been maintained at a level which would have otherwise been unsupportable.

In the opinion of this Committee, the assistance given to the workers, outside of the question of dollars and cents, has been immeasurable. In the absence of these work relief programs a large majority of the citizens would have been absolutely without occupation and the enforced leisure time would, in too many instances, have had but one result. With these work relief programs, their time has been occupied and the way has been pointed out to a profitable use of leisure hours.

Some of the communities testify to a checking of crime through opportunities for adult recreation. Others report that the work has upheld the morale of the community. Opportunities have been afforded for cultural advancement, even to the teaching of other languages, music and art. Many of the communities report that the activities have been of immeasurable benefit not only to the physical plants of the municipalities but to the social life as well.

IX. Work Relief and Direct Relief

There seems to be no doubt in the minds of the reporting officials that work relief is distinctly preferable to direct relief. Of course, it must be recognized that there will always be a certain number of unemployables and these must be looked upon as an obligation of the community. In the

opinion of this Committee, however, it can be stated that with very few exceptions the burden of the evidence submitted is predominantly in favor of work relief. So far as the relative worthwhileness of the programs to the municipalities in the light of both present and future needs is concerned, it is the opinion of this Committee that while some of the improvements would have come about in the ordinary course of events under normal conditions, there were others which would have been delayed for years, if not forever. The Committee has found very little evidence of the so-called "boondoggling," although it is natural that in the mustering into service of 100,000 individuals, there is bound to be a certain percentage of shirkers. These may be found in every group and under every circumstance. Against this negative factor should be balanced the affirmative condition that tax rates have been favorably affected, relief burdens have been met, improvements of permanent value and benefit to the communities have been secured, and the self-respect of thousands of men and women has been maintained.

The relative worthwhileness of the programs to the needy unemployed people who were given work relief by them is not debatable. The independence of the American people is traditional. The opportunity to maintain a home and keep a family within it, clothed, fed and sheltered, is one of the rights of American citizenship. Granted that there may have been defects in the system, particularly in the earlier programs, the end has justified the means. With the experience of the past, it should be possible to continue the work on a basis more nearly approximating its maximum benefits, both to the community and to its citizens.

This report would be lacking in completeness if it failed to recognize the splendid service being rendered by Administrator John J. McDonough and his assistants at the WPA headquarters and at the area offices. It is a fact that government is no better than its administration, and to the vision, courage and efficiency of the headquarters staff, much of the success of the present work relief program in this Commonwealth is due. The Committee believes that it would be remiss in its duty if it failed, not to pay tribute, but merely to recognize a self-evident fact.

The task of indicating a priority in the cities and towns has been found the most difficult feature of the work of the Committee. So far as individual cities and towns are concerned, there is no doubt that the report from the City of Chelsea occupies the first place. The Committee has been reluctant to report this recommendation to Your Honor in view of the fact that it is the municipality over which you preside as Mayor, but in justice to the heads of your departments who have initiated and supervised projects and who have presented the material in a complete and impressive manner, the Committee is unanimous in reporting to you that, in its opinion, first honors should go to the City of Chelsea.

Considering the cities with a population of more than 60,000, the Committee believes the City of Lawrence is entitled to first consideration; for cities between 20,000 and 60,000, the City of Haverhill; for communities between 5,000 and 20,000, the Town of Athol; and for communities under 5,000, the Town of New Salem.

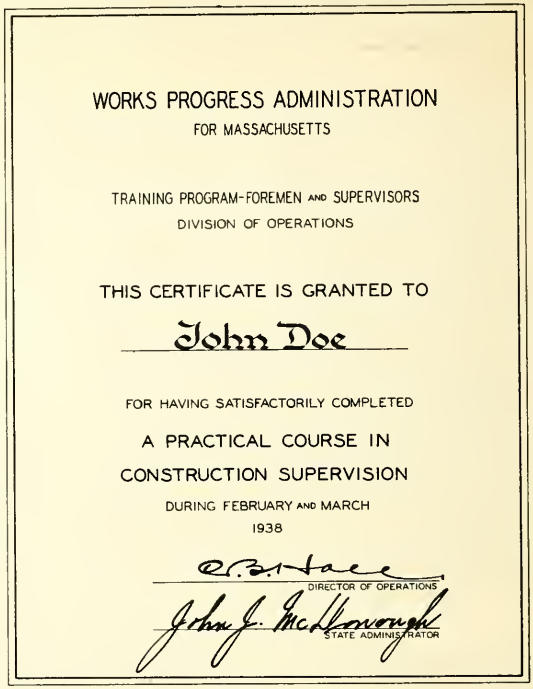
With this communication, we are submitting copies of the reports prepared by the individual members of the Committee. These reports contain many important suggestions, comments, criticisms and recommendations for future work relief policies. No action has been taken on these individual expressions, since they may be considered as outside of the purview of this Committee, but they are nevertheless recommended for your serious consideration.

In conclusion, may I express to you on behalf of the Committee its appreciation of the opportunity which has been extended to it, to participate in this Appraisal. The work has been highly interesting and informative and has been made particularly pleasant through the courtesies and cooperation extended by Your Honor and the constructive assistance at all times available from Mr. Don Shea.

To this statement I would add a personal word on my own part, of thanks to the members of the Committee who have made my task as Chairman a comparatively easy and an entirely enjoyable experience.

Sincerely yours,

Signed (Miss) Elisabeth M. Herlihy
Chairman—Massachusetts
State Appraisal Committee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FOR HAVING SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED

A PRACTICAL COURSE IN
CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION

DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH
1938

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

STATE ADMINISTRATOR

THIS IS A COPY OF A CERTIFICATE WHICH WILL BE GIVEN 1500 WPA WORKERS, SIGNIFYING COMPLETION OF A PRACTICAL COURSE IN CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION. DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 18 A NEW COURSE WILL BE HELD FOR THOSE WORKERS WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE FEBRUARY-MARCH CLASSES.

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STATE TO LEAD NATION IN SURVEYS

ENGINEERS PLAN SURVEYS

Col. John J. McDonough, State WPA Administrator and Murray Y. Poling of Washington conferring with city and town officials May 26 at WPA State Headquarters on proposed engineering surveys.

NEW PROJECTS WILL EMPLOY HUNDREDS

Massachusetts ranks with the leading states in the nation in the number of engineering surveys now being conducted by the WPA.

It is the intention of the State Administration through adoption of basic engineering surveys in cities and towns to make this state the country's leader in this field and to make the work conform to the standard procedures of national professional and technical organizations.

Murray Y. Poling, National Consultant on Engineering Surveys, Washington, D. C., is now in Massachusetts to assist in this work. Mr. Poling has conferred with leaders in the Women's and Professional Division and with state, city, and town officials suggesting the best means for prosecution of these important surveys under the WPA program.

These engineering surveys are particularly applicable to Massachusetts because this state, being one of the original colonies, does not have the advantages which have resulted from surveys originating in the Federal Public Land Office and consequently has very indefinite original lines.

Through establishment of precision engineering surveys city and town boundaries, streets, roads, and structural locations will be precisely determined and this method will effect the present forms of public records related to land ownership and use.

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PROMOTED FROM RANKS

In keeping with Works Progress Administration policy of promotion from within the ranks, Harold Dunney, State Supervisor of the Time Control Unit, has been advanced to the position of Acting Assistant Director of the Women's and Professional Division.

Jerome Shanahan, Assistant State Supervisor of the Time Control Unit, has been made Acting State Supervisor of the Unit.

William Spencer, State Chief of the Labor Scheduling Unit, has accepted private employment with the American Mutual Insurance Co. Chalmers F. Landrey has been named Acting Chief of the Unit in Mr. Spencer's place.

HEADQUARTERS DEPTS. MOVE

To increase administrative efficiency the State Division of Operations has moved from the fifth floor to the third floor at State Headquarters, 600 Washington Street, Boston.

New locations, as of June 1, are as follows:

Uneven numbers, 301 to 323, inclusive, Operations Division.

336—Office Management
334—Office Appliances
304-6-8—Forms
310-12—Supplies
322—Library and Statistician
333—Carpenter Shop

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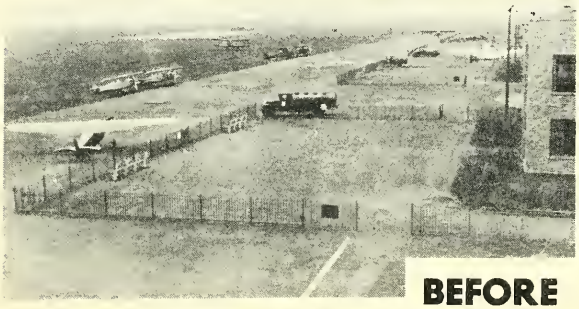
ONE OF MANY WPA IMPROVEMENTS AT BOSTON AIRPORT



BEFORE AFTER

SURVEYS

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It is a proven fact that these processes result in a tremendous saving of public funds and will eliminate much needless disputes and costly litigation over locations of property boundaries.

At present the Massachusetts Geodetic Control Survey operates as a state-wide foundation supplementing the Federal Control System. As a continuation of the work carried on under the State Program, adoption of additional local projects will permit the use of the method in every detail.

In the City of Boston, alone, there are now more than 600 people employed in engineering surveys. There are now over 100 projects throughout the state involving the various types of engineering surveys now in operation. Adoption of surveys in cities and towns which have no such work at present will result in the employment of hundreds of skilled workers such as engineers, draftsmen, computers, party helpers and clerks.

Local city and town officials are most receptive to the precision engineering surveys and it is expected that in a short time Massachusetts will lead the nation in this phase of the WPA program and that a large number of skilled workers qualified to do the work will be employed in all sections of the state.

COLONIAL BOUNTIES FOR WOLVES REVEALED IN LUNENBURG

Back in 1767 a man (or a woman) could earn $50 extra money for killing a wolf in the Town of Lunenburg, WPA workers indexing the records of the town have discovered.

The bounty on crows was considerably less—25 cents for a full grown crow and 10 cents for each young crow.

At the town meeting of March 1, 1767, it was "Voted to give pounds 10 as encouragement to any persons in this town who shall kill a grown wolf in this town."

The oldest inhabitants of Lunenburg are unable to remember when the last wolf was killed within the town limits. If the bounty on crows is still in effect a man should be able to make considerable extra money in Lunenburg by going on crow hunts.

Exploration of early records of Lunenburg have also revealed that John Fitch, for whom Fitchburg is named, had a feud with an Indian named Surbody and burned his wigwam. Surbody retaliated by getting help from Canadian Indians and taking Fitch and his family into captivity for a year. One of the Fitch children became permanently crippled because thongs which bound him to a board on which he was carried by the Indians were bound too tightly.

(Reprinted from the Boston Globe)

A Splendid Record

One of the first casualties to the depression, five years ago, was music. In towns and villages innumerable throughout the country, it fell from the school curriculum and, in too many instances, it remained out.

That this was a serious misfortune to education few will deny; and that the hiatus left by dropping of music should be filled, and, indeed, has been to a notable extent, reinforces the truth of that contention. The part played by the Federal Music Project in this rescue of music for school children cannot be over-emphasized.

According to the records, 608 concerts have been given before 310,025 school children and teachers in this state by the project since last September. This represents an increase both in the number of concerts and in the total of auditors of nearly 100 percent in a single year.

The late Pres. Eliot of Harvard, during his last years, placed music and drawing among the most important essentials for genuine education in the schools. The entire community owes a debt of gratitude to the Federal Music Project for sustaining that idea during times of difficulty.

Springfield Braille Project Produced 26,000 Pages

Thirty-four blind and partly blind persons on the Springfield Braille project have, in the past two years, set into Braille type and printed 26,000 pages of text books, standard authors' works and magazine articles.

The 260 books are distributed by the Library of Congress to institutions and hospitals for the blind throughout the country.

Among the text books completed are grammars, fourth and fifth grade histories, third, fourth and fifth grade geographies, third, fourth and fifth grade languages, third and fifth grade arithmetic, Bible stories and history, and third, fourth and fifth grade prose and poetry.

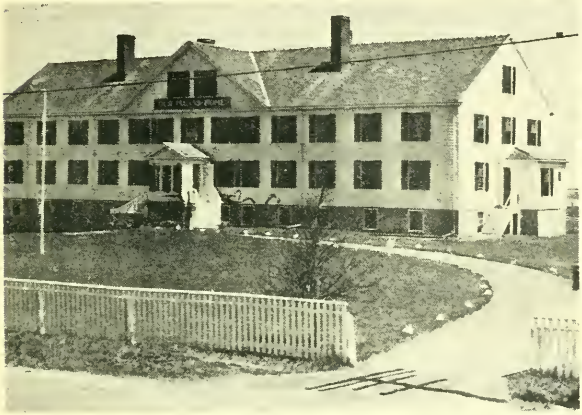
Books transcribed into Braille are: Precious Bane, Scandinavian Summer, Man of the Forest, Wildfire, Desert Gold, Call of the Wild, Nature Myths, North of Boston, Mother West Wind's Neighbors, Tailor of Winding Way, Vagabond Journey and Younger Sister. Red Cross short stories, news stories and 25 magazine articles are also included in the output.

The project has 19 totally blind and 15 partly blind workers directed by Supervisor Thomas Mitton.

CAMERA VISITS MARTHA'S VINEYARD, NANTUCKET

Public Welfare Building, Nantucket, renovated by WPA.

Oak Bluffs schools and playgrounds improved by WPA.



Our Island Home, Nantucket, repaired by WPA.

Exciting moment at Tashmoo Baseball Field, built by WPA at Tisbury.

Sewage Disposal Beds at Nantucket.

Outlet of drainage system at Tom Nevers Swamp, Nantucket, installed by WPA.

WORLD PREMIERE FOR "CREATED EQUAL" JUNE 6

WPA workers will be admitted to the metropolitan world premiere of Federal Theatre's "Created Equal" at the Copley Theatre, Boston, on June 6 for the special low price of 25 cents. The only stipulation is presentation of a WPA identification card.

The elaborate production, written by John Hunter Booth, contains 27 scenes in two acts with a cast of more than 100 thespians. The play portrays outstanding events of American history since 1776 and contains a powerful message.

The numerous changes of scene are consummated with almost moving picture rapidly. Hundreds of costumes appropriate for various periods of American history are worn by Federal Theatre actors and actresses.

WPA workers who wish to attend "Created Equal" should make their reservations well in advance, as the play is bound to be popular.

16 NATIONS REPRESENTED IN ENGLISH CLASSES

Sixteen nationalities are represented among the 453 persons enrolled in the beginners' English classes conducted in Fall River by the Adult Education Program.

Among the students is a grandmother who attends with her daughter and grandson. There is also a Chinese, Wong Sing John, 22, who was born here but was brought up in China. Since he returned to this, his native land, recently he has been assiduously studying English.

The class has a man who has a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Cologne.

All these facts are gleaned from The Adult Weekly, edited by Claire Grenier and published by the Journalism Class in Fall River.

APPOINTED TO STATE JOB

Maj. John J. Donnelly, State Statistician for the Massachusetts WPA, has been appointed Supervisory Statistician of the Department of Public Welfare, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Maj. Donnelly had the highest rating of a long list of civil service applicants for the position.

He took over his new office in the State House, Boston, on June 1.

PAINT WORCESTER SCHOOL MURAL

Girls trained by WPA Recreation Project instructors putting finishing touches on mural depicting New Deal at the Millbury Street School, Worcester.

HOT WEATHER ORDERS

GENERAL LETTER NO. 185

TO: All State Works Progress Administrators
Attention: Directors, Division of Operations

SUBJECT: Heat Exposure

The number of workers throughout the country who died or who were seriously ill from exposure to heat while employed on WPA projects during the summer of 1937 was considerably less than in 1936.

It is evident that this reduction was due largely to the adoption of the preventive measures outlined in General Letter No. 127, dated May 15, 1937, and it is urged that similar measures be taken during the coming summer to overcome the hazards attending outdoor work in extremely hot weather.

As provided in General Letter No. 127, the following preventive measures should be adopted:

1. Project workers should not be required to work under conditions likely to result in death or serious illness due to sun or heat exposure. Judgment and experience must be relied upon in determining when high temperatures should prevent active work on projects. Due consideration should be given to local practices in carrying on outdoor work in extremely hot weather.
2. When necessary, the hours of work on projects should be changed so that workers will not be exposed to intense heat, or work on projects should be temporarily suspended and the workers permitted to make up time lost under existing regulations.

F. C. HARRINGTON
Assistant Administrator
Chief Engineer

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PRODUCTION DIVISION WPA BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

FISH HATCHERIES REPAIRED, IMPROVED

Abundance of game fish in Massachusetts waterways this spring may be at least partly attributed to production of state fish hatcheries. WPA workmen are repairing and enlarging the hatcheries at Palmer, Montague and Hartsville. WPA has accomplished considerable improvements at state fish hatcheries in recent years.

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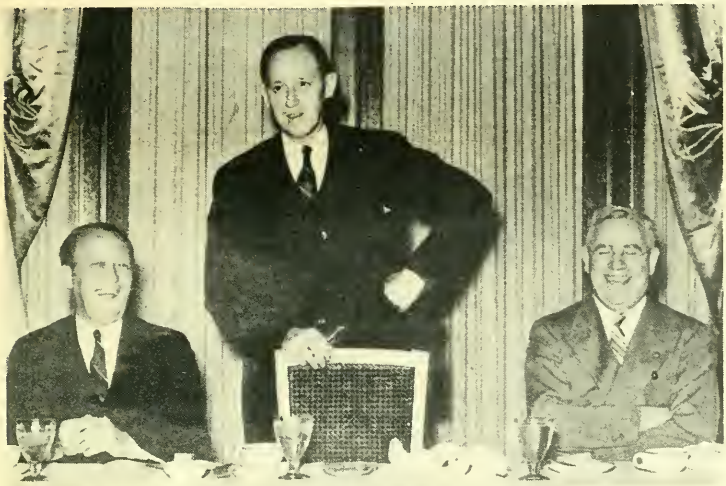

Ray C. Branion, left, New England Field Representative, and Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough, State Administrator, right, seem to be getting a real chuckle from a droll story told by National Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, center, at a breakfast at the Copley-Plaza Hotel attended by the state staff June 18.

Harry L. Hopkins came to Boston, Saturday, June 18, and was guest at a breakfast given in his honor by Administrator McDonough and the State Administrative Staff, in the Copley-Plaza Hotel.

His Boston visit preceded his attending the wedding of John A. Roosevelt, the President's youngest son, to Anne Lindsay Clark in Nahant.

Escorted by Col. McDonough and accompanied by David K. Niles, Assistant National Administrator, and Ray C. Branion, New England Regional Representative, he entered the Sheraton Room, where were gathered for the breakfast about 100 key members of the state and regional staffs.

Mr. Hopkins paid glowing tribute to the excellent administration of the Federal Works Program in Massachusetts and discussed some of the broader aspects of the national relief program and its administration.

After breakfast, Mr. Hopkins visited State WPA Headquarters at 600 Washington Street. He made a short talk to thrilled administrative employees who had assembled in the main office of the Finance Division.

Mr. Hopkins impressed his audience with his deep sincerity. He expressed keen interest and understanding of the work being accomplished by the individual WPA worker and discussed the problems of the unemployed workers of the nation.

He made particular mention of the state administration and complimented the WPA workers of all divisions and from all sections who are making the program a recognized success.

WALTHAM RESIDENT PRAISES WPA MEN AND PROJECT

June 18, 1938.

Mayor Arthur Hansen,
City Hall,
Waltham, Mass.

Dear Mayor Hansen:—

The WPA job of laying water pipe on Newton Street has been completed beyond my house and I wish to take the opportunity of saying a good word for the men and the foremen employed there.

I consider that all the men did a good day's work, were clean of language and courteous at all times. I had many a chat with them and found on a whole their spirit excellent.

The foremen were very much on the job. Not domineering, but seeing that the work was done well and that the surroundings were kept clean and free from damage.

Particularly was I pleased to see that the foreman in charge of the top coat did not haggle on a little patch job in the street or place nearby the job. It was for the best interest of all concerned, particularly the city, and I hope you will have an opportunity soon to inspect the work and see for yourself that the general condition of the street has been improved.

Very truly yours,
ARTHUR R. GARVEY.

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HOLYOKE HOUSEHOLD TRAINING STUDENTS

Students at Holyoke Household Training Project receiving instructions upon the proper procedure at a formal tea for which the table is set.

FLOAT BUILDING ON SCOW TO WPA-BUILT PLAYSPOT

War veterans and WPA workers have succeeded in floating a building from Derby Wharf, Salem, to Collins Cove playground, a half mile from the wharf.

When the city bought the wharf property for a national park members of the Polish War Veterans post disliked the idea of their building being torn down by wreckers. It was suggested the building would make an ideal recreation building for the Collins Cove playground. But streets in the vicinity are so narrow it would have been impossible to move it on land.

Then a contractor, who once moved a hothouse with 1,000 windowpanes without breaking one, suggested the building might be floated around to the playground. Veterans helped WPA workers move the building to a lighter and to land it after it had been floated a half mile to the playground.

The building was moved to a foundation prepared by WPA workers at the playground. While a baseball field, football field and tennis courts were built at the playground no provision was made for a recreation building, which has now been donated by the veterans.

The playground is ideally located with a beautiful view of the ocean.

J. J. CROSTON MADE STATE STATISTICIAN

Promotion from within the ranks is the policy of the Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts.

In keeping with this policy, John J. Croston, former supervisor of the Vital Statistics Project in Boston, was appointed, as of June 20, State Statistician to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Maj. John J. Donnelly, who received a Civil Service appointment as Supervisory Statistician of the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare.

INCREASES COMING IN LABOR QUOTAS

Result of Jobless Survey

Following a survey of the state made by Administrator McDonough, increases in labor quotas (above the slightly more than 107,000 workers employed as of June 20) have been authorized increasing WPA rolls according to the local unemployment situation. The largest increases will be made in industrial cities.

The state survey was made by Col. McDonough and members of his staff on June 14. On that day Col. McDonough was in Springfield conferring with city and town officials of the western counties. Lawrence J. Bresnahan, State Employment Director, met with officials of southern Massachusetts and the Cape towns, at the Fall River WPA office. C. B. Hall, State Director of Operations, held similar conferences in Lowell for Essex and Middlesex Counties and Carl Rogers, Executive Assistant, met Worcester County city and town officials in Worcester.

HOUSEHOLD TRAINING GROUP MEETS

Prominent Holyoke civic leaders recently attended the first meeting of the advisory board of the Household Demonstration Training Center held at the Landers' home, 495 Appleton Street, where 20 Holyoke girls are receiving an eight weeks' course in the household arts.

After inspecting the 12-room house, members of the board and guests sat down to a luncheon prepared by students. After luncheon there were demonstrations by students in child care, chamber work, dining service, kitchen duties, cooking, laundry work and general housework.

"A project of this type trains girls for better domestic positions," said Mayor William P. Yoerg during a conference of board members. "I am very much interested in this project and hope we will have another class to train when this one has graduated so that, as private employment fields open up, we shall have trained workers for them. I have only the highest praise for the WPA cooperation and want to thank those officials for their help in Holyoke."

Mrs. Lucille Lockhart of Springfield, WPA area supervisor, pointed out the need for trained domestic help and said, "Projects of this kind need the help of civic minded persons to support it."

Also at the conference were: Mrs. Mary E. McElligott, state supervisor; Mrs. Harvey Hewitt, president of the Holyoke Women's Club; Miss Gertrude Yoerg, Miss Helen M. Landers, Mrs. William Peck, Mrs. Ada Johnson, Mrs. Edwin A. Moore, Mrs. Helen F. Harlow, state supervisor of household demonstration projects; Mrs. Maric S. Main, state supervisor of placement standards; Miss Edna Ehrlich, Mrs. Blanch Porter, field supervisor; Miss Julia A. Stone, vocational instructor; Mrs. M. F. Millane, Mrs. Merton B. Dexter, president of the Springfield Women's Club; Mrs. Frederic A. Parkhurst of Springfield and Miss Rose L. Beauregard, field supervisor.

BEFORE AND AFTER WPA IMPROVEMENTS

BEFORE — WORCESTER CULVERT — AFTER

BEFORE — ENTRANCE, WAITT'S MOUNT PARK, MALDEN — AFTER

BEFORE — MAIN STREET, FALL RIVER — AFTER

NEW WATER SYSTEMS REDUCE FIRE HAZARDS

The menace of fire is always uppermost in the minds of residents of rural areas with inadequate fire protection. Farmers dread the sudden onslaught of fire which might wipe out in a few hours the savings of a lifetime represented in farm buildings.

In many rural areas throughout the state WPA has built water holes and extended water mains to provide protection to areas without enough reserve water supply to battle a major conflagration.

In Mendon a project is doubling the capacity of the present 15 x 25 foot water hole. When the project is completed the enlarged water hole will be 25 feet deep and 40 feet square. A fence will be built around the miniature pond.

In Blackstone construction of 11 water holes at strategic points will give fire protection to 44 dwellings, 40 barns and 31 other farm buildings. In the past Blackstone firemen have had to depend on wells and shallow creeks, undependable during dry spells. Each water hole will be enclosed with a wire fence.

In Berlin, also, 11 water holes will be constructed for a fire department which has never had adequate water. Each water hole will have 30,000 gallon capacity.

In Millbury the legislature has created a new fire district, long sought by residents of the town. WPA will install 7,380 feet of new water mains in the Maple Hillside Water District which will serve 60 families. Town officials hope the increased facilities will tend to reduce fire insurance rates in the town.

MUSIC FESTIVAL ATTENDED BY 1500

WPA-trained singers and musicians from seven North Shore cities and towns participated Sunday, June 12, in the Festival of Recreational Music held at the Salem Willows amphitheatre. About 1,500 attended.

Rain, threatening all afternoon, held off until the strains of the national anthem were concluding one of the most successful recreation programs of the year. Salem, Lynn, Beverly, Peabody, Danvers, Haverhill and Lawrence were represented in the comprehensive program.

STATE STAFF AT HOPKINS BREAKFAST

General view of the state administrative staff attending the breakfast given to National Administrator Harry L. Hopkins in the Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston, Saturday, June 18. Administrator McDonough was chairman. Standing at the head table from left to right are: Everett E. Gillis, State Director of the Finance Division; Miss Eleanor Hayward, State Director of Women's and Professional Projects; Lawrence J. Bresnahan, State Director of the Employment Division; Col. Thomas F. Sullivan, Administrative Assistant in charge of Boston; Ray C. Branion, New England Regional Field Representative; Harry L. Hopkins, National Administrator; Col. John J. McDonough, State Administrator; David K. Niles, Assistant National Administrator; Mrs. Izetta Miller Regional Director of Women's and Professional Projects; Carl Rogers, State Director of the Education and Recreation Divisions.

WPA BUILDING ARTIFICIAL LAKE FOR BROCKTON PARK

Waldo Lake, the last of five artificial ponds built by WPA at D. W. Field Park in Brockton, will be completed by a project recently begun.

The lake will cover an area of 80 acres and will have two islands which will make ideal picnic grounds. In order to build Waldo Lake, WPA workmen have constructed a dike a third of a mile long and a dam to divert the water of Salisbury Brook to the lake area.

A few days ago WPA workmen began clearing the bed of the future pond and building banks and walls as required. There will be boating on the lake in summer and skating during winter months. In building the lake, WPA will contribute $90,000 and the city $8,700.

In previous projects the Federal government has expended about $100,000 and the city $25,000. These projects have built seven miles of footpaths, seven and a half miles of roads and an 18-hole golf course.

Development of the 450 acres of Field Park has attracted the attention of landscape architects, engineers and park boards in many parts of the country.

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WORCESTER BUILDS MILES OF NEW SIDEWALKS

In the past three months 26 sidewalk crews in Worcester have laid 33,000 feet of asphalt sidewalk, about five miles of granolithic sidewalk and have straightened and reset nearly 60 miles of curbing.

The sidewalk work is ahead of schedule and more than 80 per cent complete. In the past two years there have been eight miles of granolithic walk laid and 88,926 linear feet of asphalt walks. Ultimate objective of the program is 25 miles of new sidewalks in Worcester.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS FIX WPA SECURITY WAGE RATES

Administrative orders fixing the security wage rates under the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1938 have been received by Col. John J. McDonough, State Administrator.

With the exception of the monthly security rate for professional and technical workers in cities over 100,000 in population the monthly earning schedules remain the same as under the previous appropriation act. In the new schedule the exemption, under which State Administrators were empowered to raise the monthly rate ten percent, is cancelled for professional and technical workers in the large cities, bringing the monthly earnings back to the $94 a month maintaining before the increase granted two years ago. The present rate is $103.40. The prevailing hourly wage rate is not affected by the new orders from Washington. The new rates become effective July 1, 1938.

The same rate schedule as Massachusetts is applied to 30 States: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The change will affect 4400 workers, of whom 1990 are on the Federal Projects.

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TURNING OUT PAYROLLS

A small section of the Division of Finance, State Headquarters, Boston, where payrolls for all project workers are made up.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY BANNED BY HOPKINS GENERAL ORDER

General Letter No. 191

TO: ALL STATE WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATORS

SUBJECT: POLICY REGARDING WPA EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CANDIDATES FOR OR WHO ARE HOLDING AN ELECTIVE OFFICE

The Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1938 provides that the funds appropriated in that Act shall not be "used to pay the salary or expenses of any person in a supervisory or administrative position who is a candidate for any State, district, county or municipal office *(such office requiring full time of such person and to which office a salary or per diem attaches)*, in any primary, general or special election, or who is serving as a campaign manager or assistant thereto for any such candidate." It is the policy of the Works Progress Administration that this regulation shall also be applicable to candidates for Federal offices, and to campaign managers or assistants thereto for any such candidates.

Furthermore, it is the policy of the Works Progress Administration that no such person while holding an elective office, the duties of which would necessitate being absent from a WPA position during regular WPA working hours, or to which a salary in excess of $200 per year is attached, shall be employed.

These regulations apply both to field, district and local administrative staffs, and to supervisory personnel on projects, but do not apply to other project workers.

This letter supersedes General Letter No. 176 which is hereby rescinded.

HARRY L. HOPKINS.

LYONS SURVEYS WPA SETUP in SUNDAY GLOBE

WPA-BUILT WHARF HELPS MAIL DELIVERY ON BAKER'S ISLAND

Because WPA has built a wharf on Baker's Island, five miles off Salem, the government has established a sub-postal station on the island and now makes regular mail deliveries to island residents.

The rocky shoreline of the island has made landings quite risky during inclement weather. The new iron and wood wharf has a float and adjustable steps from wharf to float.

There is a small summer colony on the island, often visited by picnickers and those interested in inspecting the lighthouse, built in 1797. In the past the islanders have had to go ashore in order to get their mail.

IMPORTANT PROMOTION FOR GEORGE W. DUNN

George W. Dunn, for the past four years State Director of the Surplus Commodity Distribution for Massachusetts, has resigned to become New England Regional Director of the Federal Surplus Commodity Corporation.

During Mr. Dunn's administration in this state he had directed the distribution of 180,564,578 pounds of food valued at $16,917,470; 20,634,621 articles of clothing valued at $20,268,285; mattresses valued at $860,465 and comforters valued at $505,007.

Mr. Dunn will maintain offices at 600 Washington Street, Boston. He succeeds Ralph Headley, who has been transferred to the Procurement Division of the Commodity Corporation.

REVIEWS GAINS OF WPA IN STATE

An excellent verbal panorama of WPA was presented in the Boston Sunday Globe, June 26, by a Globe star feature writer, Louis M. Lyons. In a fair, objective manner, Mr. Lyons outlines the scope of WPA in Massachusetts, salts his story with facts, photographs and figures and concludes that "WPA constitutes almost a separate economic and social system within our large order."

The story says, in part:

"WPA is only three years old but inheritor of earlier symbols. The 110,000 it employs in Massachusetts make a payroll of nearly $7,500,000 a month. Those 110,000 did not select their employment. They took it in default of other jobs.

"For them WPA has created work. With them it is making things that touch all our lives from sewers to monuments, from nursery schools to fire alarm systems, from sidewalks to theatres.

"With them WPA has taken into its system most of the unevenness of the economic system of which they were a part and expect to be again. Thus these 110,000 WPA workers in Massachusetts work for 6000 different grades of pay in their 700 different jobs. . . . On a big WPA construction job just as on a private job some men work for 50 cents an hour and some for $1.50. This is because WPA has adopted in toto prevailing union wage scales. . . .

"Four million checks have been mailed out since last summer to Massachusetts WPA workers. WPA is proud of the small percentage of error. Only 2898 checks came back for wrong addresses. . . . This is the only state that pays by check weekly. Every day is payday in one of the six pay sections of WPA. . . . They (the administrative staff) often work overtime to keep up their schedule of getting checks into WPA homes. . . .

"Since its beginning in June, 1935, WPA has paid out $169,000,000 in Massachusetts, $154,000,000 for labor, $14,000,000 for materials. . . .

"WPA tries to develop men from the ranks. It has put 3500 into foremanship schools held in 72 localities. . . .

"In its first two years in Massachusetts WPA built 110 schoolhouses, four fire houses, 77 recreation buildings, 190 other buildings. It built 700 miles of new road, 44 new bridges, rebuilt 147 bridges, remodeled 2150 buildings. Its works include 13 swim-

SAUGUS CELEBRATES START OF NEW SEWER SYSTEM

Saugus, which has held the unenviable title of being the largest town in the state without a modern sewer system, was so elated over the start of a WPA-built system, July 6, that the citizenry participated in a celebration in honor of the event.

Judge Charles E. Flynn, chairman of the Saugus sewer committee, turned the first spadeful of earth for the new sewer system on Jasper street after selections by a 40-piece WPA band and prayer. WPA will build about seven miles of sewer in the town which will connect with the Lynn sewer system.

After the ground-breaking ceremonies and an inspection of WPA projects in the town, including the WPA-built athletic plant, Stackpole Field, town and WPA officials and guests attended a luncheon at the Chickland restaurant. Speakers were Harry A. Shanahan, WPA district engineer: Philip Craighead, PWA engineer; Judge Flynn and the selectmen, Chairman Edward Gibbs, Jr., George H. Quarmby and William S. Rockhill.

The souvenir program said, in part:

"So Saugus faces the future secure in the belief that this much needed public improvement granted to its citizens through the liberality of the Federal government cannot help but be the keystone of the countless beneficial WPA projects which the Town has enjoyed. Cooperation between the people of Saugus and the Federal Government in its work relief program has not only proved a lifeline for those temporarily without employment but has also seen the consummation at this time of many worthwhile public improvements."

USE SALVAGED BRICKS IN NEW CITY GARAGE

About 200 000 bricks salvaged from old sidewalks are being used in the building of a new 15-car garage for the Worcester Street Department.

As WPA crews have replaced old brick sidewalks with concrete the old bricks have been cleaned and piled up in the city yards ready for bricklayers. Now the city will be saved a considerable sum by the use of the bricks in the new city garage. Some of the bricks are a half century old.

HOLYOKE FIRE ALARM WIRES GO UNDERGROUND

An underground fire alarm conduit, replacing overhead poles and wires, is being built on 23 Holyoke streets by WPA. Appearance of the streets will be considerably improved by the project.

About 15,149 feet of ducts will be laid for the wires. Excavation for the conduit will be made under sidewalks where possible and along the edges of street surface. There will be 46 manholes linked with the underground system which will take about three months to complete.

WHERE WPA HAS CHANGED LANDSCAPE

BEFORE WILBRAHAM ROAD, SPRINGFIELD **AFTER**

REVIEWS WPA

ming pools, two golf courses, 84 new parks, 47 playgrounds, 60 new athletic fields, 179 new tennis courts.

"WPA has laid 154 miles of new water mains, 236 miles of new sewers, built 14 new sewage disposal plants, 8700 manholes, 1074 new culverts, 80,000 feet of roadside ditches, 233 miles of curb.

"It has rebound 1,500,000 books, served over 1,500,000 hot school lunches, made more than 10,000,000 garments for families on relief."

Mr. Lyons devotes considerable space to the accomplishments of the Federal Art, Federal Writers', Federal Theatre and Federal Music projects, pointing out their value to the nation's cultural life.

STATE EXAMINING BOARD

Announcement has been made by Col. John J. McDonough that a State Examining Board, to pass on the qualifications of WPA supervisory employees, will soon be established.

The Board will be comprised of one member nominated by the Division of Operations, one member by the Division of Employment, one member by the Division of Women's and Professional Projects and one member selected by the Administrator.

Establishment of the Board will insure maximum supervisory efficiency.

Personnel of the Board will be announced later.

NEW PROJECTS

Announcement has been made by Col. John J. McDonough, State Administrator, that, during the month of June, the Divisions of Operations has approved and submitted to Washington for final approval, projects totaling $22,301,124.

All sections of the state are represented in this project approval which will approximate 240,127 man months of work.

Some of the outstanding projects that were submitted follow:

ATTLEBORO	
Playgrounds	$ 112,356
Street Improvements	410,483
BOSTON	
Subway Extension	5,067,347
State Hospital Improvements	164,742
BLACKSTONE	
Sidewalks	134,060
BEVERLY	
Street Improvements	258,799
CAMBRIDGE	
Parks	483,688
Street Improvements	373,083
CLINTON	
Water Mains	104,394
CHICOPEE	
Conduit System	92,830
School Building	112,380
GLOUCESTER	
Highways	321,316
HAVERHILL	
Street Improvements	236,246
LYNN	
Sewers	234,802
Radio Apparatus	44,226
Baseball Grandstand	220,694
LOWELL	
Cemetery Improvements	234,206
Sewer Construction	207,802
MALDEN	
Box Culvert	45,632
NEW BEDFORD	
Streets	130,270
NORTHAMPTON	
Street Construction	200,959
PALMER	
Street Improvements	69,178
SOMERVILLE	
Sewers	1,156,440
Street Construction	662,907
Sidewalk Construrtion	524,959
SPRINGFIELD	
Sanitary Sewers	563,506
Public Building Improvements	420,236
TAUNTON	
Park Improvements	350,190
WESTFIELD	
Road Construction	348,537
WESTPORT	
Highways	163,309

PRAISES SEWING PROJECT

My dear Colonel McDonough:

You will recall that I came to you in the Spring soliciting your cooperation to obtain the help of the local Sewing Project in meeting the requirements for costumes of our Sesquicentennial Pageant. Due to the high personal interest which you took in the matter our request was granted.

This gracious consideration on your part and the very effective work done by the Sewing Project enabled the School Department of Lynn to put on a Pageant the like of which has never been witnessed in this part of the country. It was a huge success. I cannot speak in glowing terms enough for the indefatigable efforts of Miss Lydston and her co-workers in making some 4300 costumes. They were exquisitely done. They were beautiful and colorful and evoked the highest commendation of some thirty thousand spectators.

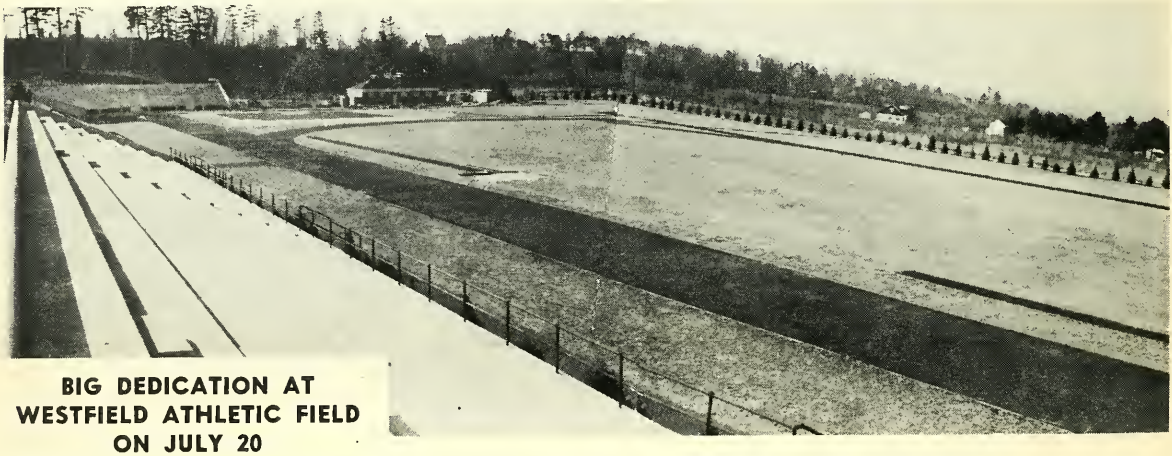
When one appreciates that this Pageant could not have been the huge success that it was without this effort, you will appreciate how extremely grateful I am for your cooperation.

With best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

/s/ ERNEST STEPHENS,
Deputy Superintendent and
Secretary, School Committee,
Lynn, Massachusetts.

WESTFIELD STADIUM READY FOR DEDICATION



BIG DEDICATION AT WESTFIELD ATHLETIC FIELD ON JULY 20

Elaborate all-day ceremonies and athletic contests will mark the formal dedication of Westfield's WPA-built athletic field on July 20, according to an announcement by Mayor Raymond H. Cowing.

The program will include a track meet, baseball game, tennis matches, a field day for children, a concert and dedicatory ceremonies. Edward W. Cerveny is chairman of the general committee, which also includes Thomas W. Bowler, secretary; Mrs. Mary Cosby, WPA Recreational Director, Capt. Allen H. Smith, acting chief of police, and Chester D. Stiles, school superintendent.

Col. John J. McDonough, State Administrator, will be present at the dedication.

The new athletic field contains two large concrete bleachers, a field house, football field, baseball diamond, cinder track, soccer field, playground and eight tennis courts. It is built on three terraced levels extending from Franklin street to King street in the rear of Westfield High School.

JOHN C. STALKER PROMOTED

In keeping with administrative policy of promotion from within the ranks, John C. Stalker has been appointed Acting State Director of the Surplus Commodity Distribution for Massachusetts, taking the place of George W. Dunn, who has been promoted to position of New England Regional Director of the Corporation.

WPA-BUILT PISTOL RANGES IMPROVE POLICE MARKSMANSHIP

Police of Gardner, where a pistol range was completed recently, are busy practicing up for the pistol shoot at Springfield, where a large pistol range will be dedicated this month. Police departments from all parts of the state will compete at the Springfield shoot.

The Gardner police pistol range was built in the basement of the police station. It is 91 feet long, 12 feet wide and 6 feet in height. It is well lighted, equipped with the latest targets, retrievers and safety devices which deflect bullets into sand pits at target bases. Police Chief Cyril Leblanc, an expert marksman, is diligently training his small force for the Springfield shoot.

The Springfield pistol range is built in the yards of the city street and engineering department. Behind the targets is a 20-foot high bunker to stop wild shots. There are two ranges, one 25 yards from the firing line and the other 50 yards from the firing line.

A shed, 150 feet long and 8 feet wide, shelters the firing line. The shed is paved with wood blocks, as are the three walks leading to the targets.

Since the Springfield range was completed the Springfield police department has won more medals for shooting than any other police department of the state. Police Chief John L. Maloney attributes this to frequent practice at the range.

Pursuant to the authority of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Acts of 1935 and 1936, the Works Progress Administration is authorized to furnish information to the public on allotments made and on the progress of all projects as they are initiated and carried forward.

The WORKS PROGRESS BULLETIN is issued by the Information Service of the WPA at 600 Washington Street, Boston. It is distributed free of charge to WPA workers. Any persons interested in obtaining copies may do so by applying to the Information Service. Editors of newspapers are invited to use any material contained in the Bulletin which may interest them. The Multilith process is used.

PRODUCTION DIVISION W.P.A. BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BUILDING STREAM GAUGE HOUSE AT NORTH ADAMS

Flow and elevations of the Hoosac river will be measured at North Adams in the near future by a stream gauge house being built by WPA for the U. S. Geological Survey.

The stream gauge house will replace the present structure which has been almost covered by fill along the riverbank.

Construction of the building will necessitate the widening of the river channel by 440 cubic yards of excavation. The project was scheduled to get underway July 1.

"We promise to administer this program sympathetically with a genuine understanding of your needs and a deep conviction that all you ask is an opportunity to earn your living honorably."

—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

WORKS PROGRESS BULLETIN

MASSACHUSETTS

LIEUT. COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH. State Administrator.

USA WORK PROGRAM WPA

August 10, 1938

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

ENLARGE HUNTINGTON AVENUE SUBWAY PROJECT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 65:

Section 21—Project employees and unassigned certified persons shall be expected to accept bona fide offers of private employment, whether of a permanent or temporary nature, provided that:

(a) The project employee is capable of performing such work.

(b) The rate of pay for such employment is not less than the standard prevailing rate of pay and the weekly or monthly earnings provide a reasonable subsistence.

(c) Such employment is not in conflict with established union relationships.

A certified person who takes such private employment shall at the expiration thereof be entitled to reemployment on a project if he is still in need and if he has lost the private employment through no fault of his own. However, project employees and certified persons awaiting assignments who refuse to accept such private employment shall be ineligible for employment on any project for the period such private employment would be available.

This section *DOES NOT CHANGE* existing regulations. We are quoting it again so that there will be no misunderstanding on the part of project employees regarding acceptance of private employment or the return to WPA from private employment.

Section 23—"Persons certified as in need, including 'project supervisory employees', who are authorized to work on projects at monthly earnings which are in excess of one hundred dollars ($100) per month shall have their certification of need cancelled and shall be considered as non-certified persons, provided that this requirement shall not be construed as prohibiting certified workers from receiving monthly earnings in excess of one hundred dollars ($100) per month when making up lost time or in an emergency as provided in section 6."

Effective August 1st, new 402's have been issued to all supervisory persons earning above $100 cancelling their certified status. Further instructions on this are being sent in a bulletin which will be given to timekeepers.

All other regulations effecting the employment of persons on WPA Projects will remain the same.

LAWRENCE J. BRESNAHAN RESIGNS AS DIRECTOR

Lawrence J. Bresnahan has resigned as State Director of The Employment Division and will become a candidate for Congress in the 14th Congressional District at the November election.

Because WPA regulations forbid a member of the Administrative Staff from participating in politics, Mr. Bresnahan resigned before deciding to run for office.

Mr. Bresnahan is a graduate of St. Laurent College and Niagara University, is a World War Veteran, is married and lives in Medway.

He handled several important executive positions in the Massachusetts WPA with brilliance and efficiency. Before becoming State Director of Employment he had been Supervisor of Employment and Labor Relations in the Fall River area, Director of the Fall River area and Assistant State Director of the Employment Division.

The news of the popular "Larry" Bresnahan's resignation was received with regret by hundreds of his fellow workers and associates at State Headquarters.

CAMBRIDGE FIELD OFFICE MOVES TO MEDFORD

Area No. 2, the Cambridge Field Office of the Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts, covering Middlesex County, as of July 18, will be located in new quarters in the new City Hall, Medford.

The Cambridge Office which had been located at 51 Inman Street, Cambridge, will occupy rooms on the second and third floors of the Medford municipal building.

PLAN TO EXTEND TUNNEL TO GAINSBORO STREET APPROVED

Work for more than 3500 men for the next two years is assured by approval of the project for the extension of the Huntington Avenue subway from Garrison Street to Gainsboro Street, Boston.

Original plans called for the extension of the Huntington Avenue subway from Boylston Street at Exeter Street to opposite Mechanics Building. The new plans, which call for about $5,000,000 in Federal funds, will carry the subway under Massachusetts Avenue to a point near Gainsboro Street, not far from the Boston Opera House. The extension will increase the city's contribution to about $2,000,000.

An automobile underpass under Massachusetts Avenue and subway stations at Mechanics Building and at Symphony Hall are included in the work. The underpass will eliminate traffic congestion at the junction of Massachusetts and Huntington Avenues. The underpass will consist of tubes on each side of the subway. West bound traffic will go through the north tube and southbound traffic will use the south tube.

A legislative act and a city council vote authorized the city to enlarge the subway project. City and WPA engineers then drew up plans for the extension of the subway to beyond Massachusetts Avenue and the project was approved by the President last week.

When the project is completed trolley cars will be eliminated from Boylston Street, Copley Square and Huntington Avenue as far as Gainsboro Street.

An Open Invitation

Business organizations, civic bodies, public officials, schools, clubs and other groups interested in how the WPA employs and pays 100,000 workers are invited by Administrator McDonough to visit Massachusetts WPA Headquarters, 600 Washington Street, Boston.

Parties interested in this invitation should telephone the Administrator's office, Hubbard 2730, to make arrangements to see administrative machinery.

WESTFIELD DEDICATES NEW ATHLETIC FIELD

View at the dedication of the Westfield-WPA Stadium

ALL-DAY PROGRAM MARKS EVENT

Sports, band concerts, a flag raising, entertainment and oratory featured the dedication of Westfield's recently completed athletic plant July 27. The affair was attended by representatives of the nation, state, city and county.

Rain caused a postponement of the dedication from July 20 to 27. And rain curtailed the program late in the program on the 27th despite the week's postponement to avoid wet weather.

Bringing the greetings of National WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, Col. John J. McDonough, State Administrator, outlined the accomplishments of work relief during the past five years. Administrator McDonough pointed out that $364,203,454 has been spent on work relief since 1933 under CWA, ERA and WPA. He noted the increase in WPA ranks from 60,000 to 115,000 in less than a year and predicted that WPA will employ a total of 125,00 by Labor Day.

The day's program began with a flag raising at 9:30 A. M. in which patriotic organizations participated. There was an elaborate sports program during the day in addition to a doll carriage parade, band concerts and entertainment.

The three-level athletic plant covers sixteen acres. It contains a field house, enclosed football and baseball fields, quarter-mile track, eight tennis courts, basketball court, croquet field, picnic center and other recreational facilities.

"It is the finest plant of its kind in Western Massachusetts and also one of the outstanding recreational areas in all New England," said Congressman Allen T. Treadway at the banquet which climaxed the day's events. "This great project," he added, "is an investment in good citizenship as well as good health."

Other speakers were Mayor Raymond H. Cowing and President Edward J. Scanlon of Westfield State Teachers College, representing Dr. James G. Reardon of the State Department of Education.

FRECKLES AND FROGS IN NOVEL CONTESTS STAGED IN CHICOPEE

Sources of hilarious amusement to children (and many grownups) are the various contests being staged by the Recreation Project in Chicopee.

Recently judges had a difficult time in choosing a King and Queen of Freckles of Chicopee playgrounds. Freckle competition at the various playgrounds of the city narrowed the contest to fourteen boys and girls when the finals were held at the Lincoln Grove playground at Chicopee Falls.

After surveying the galaxies of freckles in the contest the judges named Joseph Deady and Theresa Burgess the King and Queen of Freckles. They were crowned by Acting Mayor Henry Gingras. Rain forced the coronation ceremonies indoors but did not detract very much from the occasion.

Another popular contest in Chicopee was the frog race in which native frogs matched hops. The mightiest jumper of the lot was Rhea Day's frog which cleared 74 inches in three hops.

Other amusing contests in Chicopee have been turtle races, fishing contests and pollywog-grabbing contests. Supervisor Henry Czlusniak of the Recreation Project thinks up a new kind of contest for Chicopee children 'most every week.

LEOMINSTER LAND BEING CLEARED FOR FARMING

Thirty acres of land which is now useless is being cleared for farming on the grounds of the Leominster City Infirmary. WPA workers will remove about 4000 stumps and 835 tons of rock in making the land suitable for farming by infirmary inmates.

The project also calls for the draining of a swamp and the removal of considerable underbrush. In the past the city has never been able to raise the funds necessary for the clearing of the land, now made possible by WPA.

ATHLETIC FIELD FOR MENDON

Mendon's first athletic field containing a baseball diamond, two tennis courts and a playground is being built by a project recently begun.

For years there has been a feeling that a suitable play area should be provided for high school athletes and children of the town. With this in view the town purchased a nine-acre tract adjacent to the high school where the athletic field is being built.

RECREATION SUPERVISORS SUB FOR SPORTS EDITOR

When Ed Scannell, sports editor of the Worcester Post went on his vacation he asked William E. "Kitty" Bransfield and John E. Dowd, WPA Recreation Supervisors, to take his place writing a daily sports column.

Until Aug. 2 the recreation supervisors are alternating as sports columnists for the Worcester paper. Particularly interesting to date have been the column on superstitions of big league baseball players by Bransfield and the football reminiscenses of Dowd.

MANUAL PROJECTS TOTAL $84,000,000 IN SEVEN MONTHS

SPONSORS' COOPERATION SPEEDS BIG PROGRAM

Manual projects totalling $84,185,632 have been approved by Washington during the first seven months of this year, according to C. B. Hall, State Director of operations.

A remarkable feature of the Massachusetts WPA program is the fact that projects have been so carefully planned that not a single one of the 1647 projects submitted to Washington have been turned down.

"This," says Operations Director Hall, "is due to the splendid cooperation of sponsoring agencies who have made it possible for the Works Progress Administration of Massachusetts to attain such a fine record."

Projects approved since the first of the year represent 10 months of work for more than 110,000 WPA manual workers.

During the first six months of the year 1364 projects were approved. During July there was 283 projects approved.

BIG DECREASE IN DIRECT RELIEF

Steady and sizable increases in WPA ranks during the first six months of the year was reflected by a marked decline in numbers on direct relief throughout the state, according to figures recently released.

Last January there were 67,012 employable persons receiving direct relief to the amount of $2,538,583. Six months later in June the figures had dropped to 51,065 persons and $1,930,142.

Undoubtedly the majority of the 16,000 persons who went off direct relief were among the 40,000 persons who were assigned to WPA jobs during the first six months of the year.

The trend in the numbers of persons on direct relief during the first six months of the year was as follows: January, 67,012; February, 63,993; March, 62,782; April, 57,402; May, 52,290; June, 51,065.

2,802,000 TAKE PART IN JUNE RECREATION PROGRAM

Participants in the WPA Recreation Program in Massachusetts during the month of June totalled 2,802,000 persons which amounts to more than half the population of the state, according to figures recently released.

June attendance represented an upswing of more than 470,00 participants over May. It is expected that July attendance records will top the June figure.

The month of June marked the close of six weeks concentrated training by means of institutes attended by about 70 percent of the personnel employed by the Recreation Program. These institutes followed the three-day training institute for all project supervisors held in April. To these institutes is due, in large measure, the efficiency with which the Recreation Program is carried forward.

Irma Ringe, Assistant director of the WPA Recreation Program throughout the country, writes:

> "The most astonishing statistic fact in your report is that on participation, as you are reaching each month a number comparable to over 50% of the population of the State of Massachusetts. This fact is also true in several other states in our program and makes it all the more necessary for us to continue our efforts on behalf of training our Recreation project workers."

NOTICE TO CERTIFIED WORKERS:

"All certified workers are required by law to file a statement every three months of the amount of earnings received from outside employment for that part of the previous three months' period during which they were assigned to a Federal or non-Federal project.

"Prior to September 30, 1938 and at three month intervals thereafter, your timekeeper will furnish you with a form for this statement. You must fill out the form and return it to the timekeeper within five working days after the quarter ending date shown in the heading of the form. If this statement is not returned to your timekeeper, it will be necessary to discontinue your employment. The statement on WPA Form 413 shall be completed by each certified worker regardless of whether any earnings from outside employment were received."

MOTHERS' CLUB POPULAR IN WORCESTER

The mothers' club idea is very popular in Worcester, where each of the 22 WPA recreation centers has at least one club of that type. The Millbury Street center has five mothers' clubs.

At the Millbury Street center the women's favorite occupation is unravelling old sweaters and making them into smaller sweaters, suits and gloves for children, under the direction of Mrs. Irene Whittaker.

COTTELL IS PROMOTED

Continuing his policy of promotion from within the ranks, Administrator McDonough has named George H. Cottell, Assistant State Director of the Employment Division to the position of Acting State Director of Employment to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lawrence J. Bresnahan.

C. O. Littlefield, State Assignment Officer, has been promoted to the office of Assistant State Director of Employment.

Daniel McCarthy, Labor Adjustor in the Pittsfield Office has been named Acting Supervisor of Labor Relations in the Springfield area to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas Quirk.

Mr. McCarthy, a former business agent for the Plumbers' Union has been associated with Trade Unions in the western part of the state for the last 35 years.

NEW PROJECTS

Col. John J. McDonough, State Administrator, has announced that 283 projects have been approved by the Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts and submitted to Washington for final approval.

Some of the outstanding projects that were submitted follow:

ARLINGTON	
Street construction	$131,522
BOSTON	
Boston Navy Yard improvements	496,280
Improve Tenean Beach	142,083
CHELSEA	
Naval Hospital repairs	138,000
EAST LONGMEADOW	
Sewage disposal plant	315,760
FALL RIVER	
Recreational facilities improvements	273,039
FRAMINGHAM	
Sewer construction	166,963
HINGHAM	
Improvements, Naval Munitions Depot	174,000
HOLYOKE	
Roadside beautification	241,730
LOWELL	
Rosemont Terrace dike	238,518
MONSON	
Sewer construction	327,886
NEW BEDFORD	
Sewer construction	381,287
QUINCY	
Improvements, Squantum Naval Base	285,000
SOMERVILLE	
Concrete Stadium	313,528
WEST SPRINGFIELD	
Street and Sidewalk construction	372,731
WORCESTER	
Water Mains	223,363
Sidewalk construction	498,582
Sewer construction	160,255

MEDFORD'S WPA-BUILT SWIMMING POOL

Panoramic view of the WPA-built swimming pool in Tufts Park, Medford

ADMIRAL PRAISES WPA

July 15, 1938

My dear Colonel:

Inasmuch as I am leaving Boston the latter part of this month and hence relinquishing the position of State Administrator for Navy Projects in Massachusetts, I wish to take the opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation of the splendid work done by the WPA Organization on Navy projects and in particular the helpfulness of yourself and your assistants.

On June 30, 1938, the force employed on Navy projects totaled about 4200 men and I hope that when Presidential approval is secured for the new State project about the same force can be assigned to the work. During my incumbency the WPA force has undertaken and brought to successful completion several projects of major importance at the Navy Yard; Naval Hospital, Chelsea; Naval Ammunition Depot, Hingham; and the Naval Reserve Air Station, Squantum. Perhaps the most important project was the construction of a new Pipe Shop in the Navy Yard. This was a major construction job designed and built in its entirety by WPA employees. The quality of workmanship was high and the quantity of work produced compared favorably with other methods when there is taken into consideration the necessity of individuals only working a sufficient number of hours each month to earn security wages. You may be interested to know that the new Pipe Shop is the first large industrial shop to be built in the Boston Navy Yard since 1906.

I particularly appreciate the uniform and consistent helpfulness and cooperation offered by yourself and your entire staff. It has indeed been a pleasure to be State Administrator for Navy projects in Massachusetts under such pleasant conditions and I am sure that the same helpfulness will be extended to my successor.

With sincere regards, I am

Very truly yours

(signed) W. R. Gherardi

Rear Admiral, U. S. N.

ADAMS COMPLETES MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN FOUR MONTHS

Several major improvements in streets, sidewalks, bridge repairs and culverts have been made in Adams within four months.

Replacing old tar walks North Summer Street now has 3427 feet of new concrete sidewalks. The improvement includes 3427 feet of curbing.

At the River Street bridge where flood waters of the Hoosac River caused considerable damage in 1936 a concrete wing wall 28 feet long and 11 feet high has been built. The wall tapers from a thickness of five feet at its base to a foot and a half at the top.

On North Summer Street a 53-foot reinforced concrete culvert has been built at a point which formerly had an inadequate drainage system.

Consolidated with the street improvements has been the operation of the stone-crushing plant on Valley Street which turned out 5820 tons of crushed rock during four months.

Town and WPA officials have received numerous compliments from residents of Adams for the efficiency with which the projects were completed and for the general improvement in the appearance of the tree-shaded Berkshire town.

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USA WORK PROGRAM WPA

SEPT. 7. 1938

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

CREATE SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR, MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS PLAN WINTER WPA PROJECTS

Mayors and selectmen in Western and Central Massachusetts had the opportunity August 23, 24, 25, to discuss their work relief problems with Col. John J. McDonough, State WPA Administrator.

Col. McDonough, accompanied by C. B. Hall, Director of Operations, was at the Pittsfield WPA Office, Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 9 A.M to 9 P.M. On Wednesday from 9 to 9 he was at the Springfield Office and on Thursday was in Worcester for the same hours.

To meet the unemployment problem in summer and winter weather requires in many cases entirely different types of projects, and seasonal occupational changes often shift the relief burdens of the individual communities. It was to help local officials meet these conditions that the series of conferences were held.

Altogether, Col. McDonough found, the various cities and towns have project reserves which in general are very gratifying. However, it was found on analysis that many towns did not have projects available for operation which were suitable for winter conditions.

Local authorities were urged to prepare and submit as early as possible sufficient projects to enable them to meet employment problems throughout the winter months.

The need for more careful planning was stressed and communities were urged to devote more attention to the development of balanced programs.

START FUNCTIONING SEPT. 1

To increase efficiency in the various projects throughout the state, Administrator John J. McDonough is appointing, as of Sept. 1, a Supervisory Personnel Board which will determine the qualifications and appointments of all supervisors earning above the security wage rate.

Creation of this board is another step in the policy of Administrator McDonough which favors promotions from within the ranks and securing the best possible supervisory staff available. Foremanship training courses, which have been such a marked success throughout the state, are foundation stones of this policy.

Carl Rogers, executive assistant, is chairman of the board which also includes: C. B. Hall, Director of Operations; George Cottell, Director of Employment and Miss Eleanor Hayward, Director of Women's and Professional Projects.

After Sept. 1 the operating division having jurisdiction shall give the Supervisory Personnel Board at least 10 days notice of (1) when a new project is opening, (2) when additional supervision is requested on an operating project or (3) when a continuing or supplemental project is opening.

The operating division will submit at the same time a requisition for the supervisory personnel required. This requisition will give the classification of supervisory personnel called for on the project, the type of work to be performed by the supervisory personnel and a detailed statement of the qualifications desired in each supervisor.

An Open Invitation

Business organizations, civic bodies, public officials, schools, clubs and other groups interested in how the WPA employs and pays 125,000 workers are invited by Administrator McDonough to visit Massachusetts WPA Headquarters, 600 Washington Street, Boston.

Parties interested in this invitation should telephone the Administrator's office, Hubbard 2730, to make arrangements to see administrative machinery.

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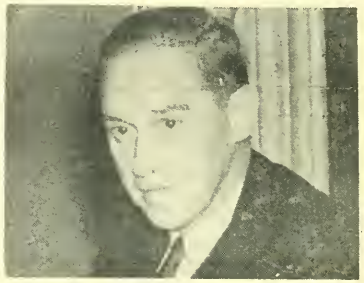


Harry L. Hopkins

Harry L. Hopkins, National Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, was the guest of Col. John J. McDonough and members of the State Staff, at a breakfast in the Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Tuesday morning, August 30.

Mr. Hopkins spoke over a national radio hook-up from Boston, Tuesday evening.

Rates of pay will be established as heretofore by the operating divisions which will notify the Board of such rates as they establish. The Board will not accept any name of suggested personnel from the operating divisions.

The Board will refer the selected supervisory personnel to the state director of the operating division concerned. After approval by the state director the selected personnel will be forwarded by the Board to the assignment section of the Division of Employment for immediate assignment.

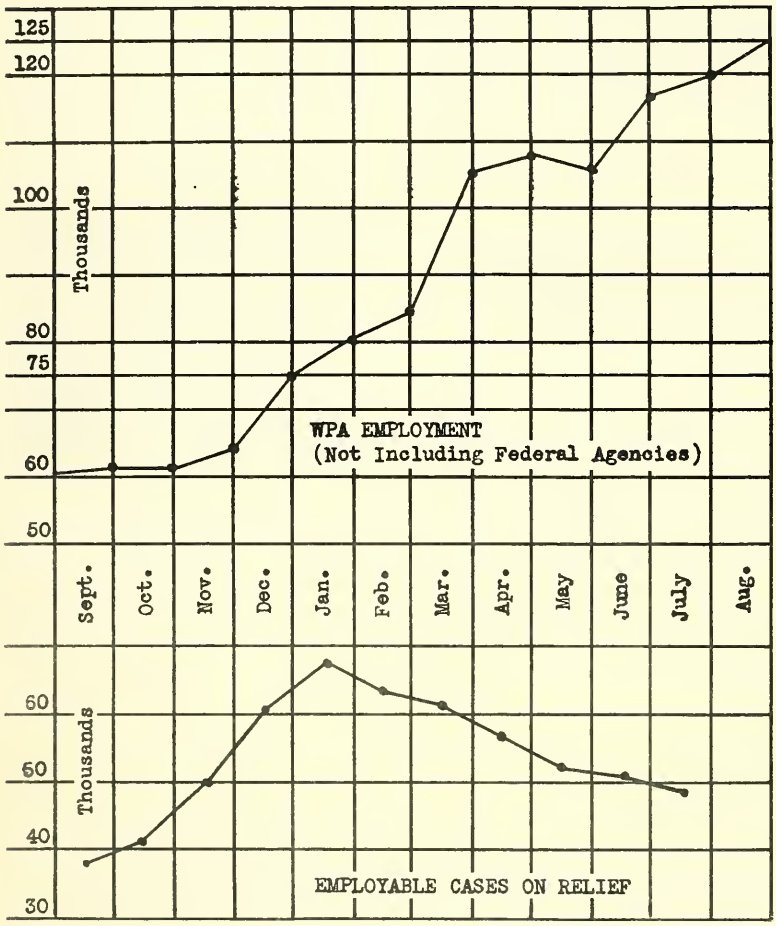
APPLICATION FORMS

A new application form for supervisory personnel will be filled out by those employed in that capacity as of Sept. 1 and forwarded to the Board by Sept 15. All applications for supervisory positions after Sept. 1 will be made on this new form which may be procured by writing to the Board.

The Board will follow the practice of checking former employers for references concerning applicants' qualifications and the Board will, in many instances, require the applicant to pass an oral examination.

RELIEF ROLLS DROP AS WPA RANKS INCREASE

HOW WPA REDUCES BURDEN OF DIRECT RELIEF



This chart shows how WPA ranks have increased during the past year as numbers on direct relief have dropped.

HOLYOKE DISABLED MEN REPAIR SHOES, FURNITURE

Furniture and shoes for Holyoke families on relief are being repaired by 39 disabled men who are members of one of the most useful and interesting projects in the city.

A few weeks ago the city advertised for old, broken furniture for the project. The response was generous and ever since, city trucks have been busy carting furniture to the project quarters in the Elm street school basement.

Using wood from packing cases, donated by Holyoke merchants, and parts of badly broken furniture the men of the project are turning out fine products. City trucks deliver the renovated furniture, as needed, to welfare families.

The project also repairs the shoes of the 700 families on the welfare rolls. The average is about 150 pairs a month. Six of the men are disabled war veterans and all have families dependent upon them.

The men take considerable pride in the high quality of their products.

WORK RELIEF TAKES THOUSANDS OFF DOLE

Last winter city and town officials of the state became considerably concerned over the alarming rate that unemployed heads of families were flocking to the direct relief rolls. Selectmen of the smaller communities feared municipal bankruptcy as men suddenly thrown out of work by hard times went on relief.

The same situation prevailed throughout a large part of the country and National Administrator Harry L. Hopkins of WPA and his advisors decided to rapidly increase WPA rolls to relieve the situation.

The speed with which this objective was attained in this commonwealth can be analyzed by studying the accompanying chart showing graphs of both the rise in WPA employment and the drop in the numbers on direct relief.

When WPA rolls were suddenly upped 25,000 just before Christmas, members of the administrative staff, particularly the Finance and Employment Divisions, worked Saturday afternoon, Sunday and many weekday hours overtime in order to have unemployed on payrolls in time to receive a Christmas check. The rapidity with which men and women have been added to WPA in the past eight months is a tribute to the efficiency of its organization.

STATE WPA EXHIBIT AT EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

The Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts will be represented by a photo and model layout exhibit in the Industrial Arts Building during the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield from Sunday, September 18 through Saturday, September 24.

The Springfield Exposition, America's premier industrial and agricultural exhibit, yearly attracts hundreds of thousands of people from the East and all sections of the country. According to Charles A. Nash, general manager and Milton Danziger, assistant general manager, this year the exposition will be bigger than ever before and a record attendance is expected.

This modern exposition plant covers 175 acres, is located three fourths of a mile from downtown Springfield.

APPOINT PROPERTY ACCOUNTING BOARD

WILL CONSERVE FEDERAL PROPERTY

Col. John J. McDonough has appointed a State Property Accounting Board composed of State Office Manager Frank D. O'Neil, Chairman; Executive Assistant, Carl Rogers and State Statistician, John J. Croston.

The Administrator has placed in operation a system of inventory control covering the acquisition, custody, movement and disposition of Federal property.

Federal regulations place a definite responsibility on representatives of the operating divisions (usually the project supervisor, foreman or warehouse supervisor) who are financially liable for the physical custody and proper use of the property under their control.

Section No. 8 of Operating Procedure No. F-28 definitely provides that any and all persons will be held financially responsible for the loss or damage of any property in their custody, the loss or damage of which is definitely due to their negligence or carelessness.

The Division of Finance will take all possible steps to see that full restitution is made by the responsible party. The responsible individual will be afforded an opportunity by the State Board to examine all evidence made a part of the report.

Various new and revised forms have been established for use in maintaining this control and all project officials have been instructed to familiarize themselves with these documents in order that difficulties may be avoided.

Persons in custody of Federal property may be relieved of responsibility only when property (1) has been incorporated in the project — WPA Form 720; (2) transferred to a warehouse or another project — WPA Form 740, or by an approved survey — WPA Form 715. Unless these reports are filed periodically and particularly on the last day the project is in operation, complications may arise.

To investigate reports of property lost, destroyed, damaged or unserviceable filed on WPA Form 715, the State Board has appointed the following survey officers from State Headquarters: *Division of Operations,* William Fowler; *Division of Women's and Professional Projects, 1. Sewing and Women's,* Harold P. Woodcock; 2. *White Collar and Professional,* George Burrows; *Division of Education and Recreation Projects* Federal No. 1 Administrative, John J. Shaughnessy.

LEONARD STREET, MALDEN, IMPROVED

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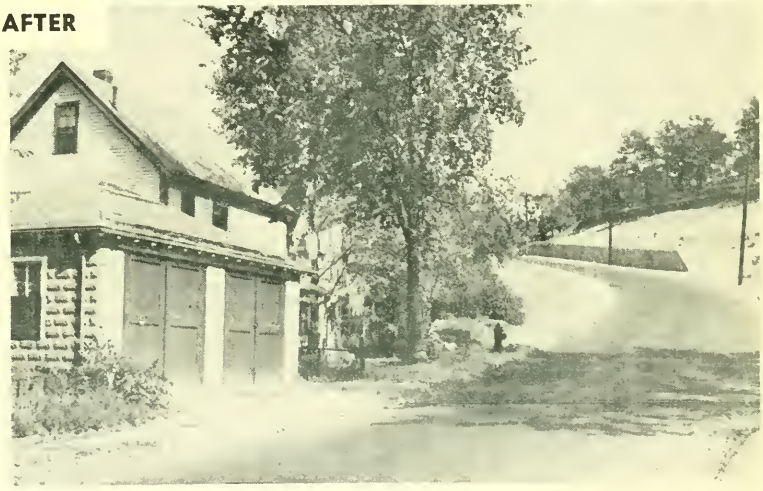

RENOVATING OLD FISH HOUSE IN SWAMPSCOTT

Back in 1896 the Town of Swampscott razed a group of unsightly fishermen's shacks on the beach.

To provide Swampscott fishermen with facilities to carry on their business the town built a Fish House where fishermen could store their gear and gather during stormy weather. The house is to be used permanently for "boating, bathing and fishing" according to town law.

During the past 40 years the old Fish House has become dilapidated and presents almost as much of an eyesore as the shacks it replaced. WPA workmen will completely renovate the old building. Even the fish on the weathervane will not be neglected in the general sprucing up of the building.

Only a few fishermen use the old building which is also used by town folk for the storing of sails, outboard motors and other marine gear.

NEW PROJECTS

Outstanding projects submitted during the month of August as announced by Col. John J. McDonough are:

ATTLEBORO
Water Mains (city-wide) $208,429
CANTON
Clear Ponkapoag Public Golf Course 321,320
CHELSEA
Sewer Construction (city-wide) 354,900
FAIRHAVEN
Improve Highways (town-wide) 251,263
FALL RIVER
Improve, Repair School Buildings 396,239
FRAMINGHAM
Construct Sidewalks, Curbs..... 193,810
FT. DEVENS (State Wide)
Construct C.M.T.C. Camp..... 254,100
HOLYOKE
Improve Streets and Sidewalks 513,010
LAWRENCE
Park and Playground Improvement (city-wide) 379,409
LEOMINSTER
Flood control Moonoosnock Brook 196,752
NEWBURYPORT
Improve Streets (city-wide).... 268,636
NORFOLK COUNTY WIDE
Widen and Improve State Highways 187,407
NORTHBRIDGE
Improve Recreational Facilities Adjoining Junior and Senior High Schools 172,781
PITTSFIELD (County Wide)
Improve Pittsfield Watersheds 236,200

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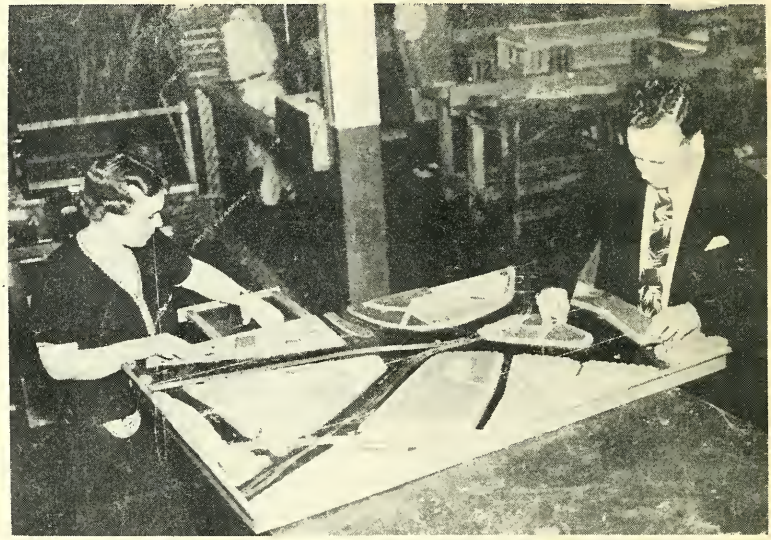
"SEEING" WATERTOWN SQUARE WITH HANDS



The blind man and woman are studying Watertown square, Watertown, by running their fingertips over Braille map which was built by WPA Braille project. Exhaustive details of the square even to the type of each shop are depicted by raised characters.

PRAISES WPA MEN

Dear Colonel McDonough:

It is desired to call to your attention an example of exemplary conduct and courageous action on the part of two W. P. A. employees, Russell T. Cahill, ironworker, of 1297 Furnace Brook Parkway, Quincy, Mass., and Arthur Soderberg of 386 North Main Street, Randolph, Mass. Both of these men are employed at the U.S. Destroyer and Submarine Base Plant, Squantum, Mass., on Federal W.P.A. project No. 709-2-6 - State No. 16559.

On 10:15 A.M. during the loading of heavy wooden beams onto cars in the Destroyer Plant, Frank McNeil, another W.P.A. worker of 131 H Street, South Boston, Mass., slipped and fell into the water from the end of the pier. In falling, McNeil struck a floating timber and was temporarily knocked unconscious and unable to help himself. At the same time, a number of the heavy timbers, which McNeil had been loading, slipped and started to fall into the water after him.

At this point, Arthur Soderberg, unmindful of injury to himself, dove into the water to rescue McNeil. In diving in, Soderberg struck a heavy floating timber and painfully bruised his chest and side. Cahill, who was aloft on the steel truss spanning the wetslip when McNeil fell overboard, quickly descended and went overboard to assist Soderberg in the rescue. McNeil was pulled to the float and hoisted to the pier where the Naval Reserve Base doctor and ambulance picked him up and carried him to the Marine Hospital. Cahill scraped his left leg and elbow in descending from the truss preparatory to diving into the water.

In view of the quick and courageous action on the part of Cahill and Soderberg, more serious consequences to another W.P.A. worker were avoided and a quick and expeditious rescue effected.

This Base wishes to commend these men and feels that you would desire to have such meritorious action called to your personal attention and to the attention of your staff.

Very sincerely yours,

M.H. KERNODLE
Lieutenant Commander, U.S.N.
Commanding

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

WPA FACES HUGE TASK

Administrator Surveys Tremendous Storm Damage. Hopkins Cuts Red Tape. Assures N. E. Governors, Men and Money are Available for Rehabilitation. Hundreds of Bridges, Roads, Public Bldgs. Must be Re-Built.

WPA WORKERS PRAISED

Confronted with the greatest task in its history, WPA in Massachusetts has begun the colossal job of repairing damage wrought by the combined forces of hurricane, flood and tidal wave.

Praised on all sides for the heroic part they played saving lives and property during the perilous hours of the storm and its appalling aftermath, WPA workers are toiling at the more prosaic job of clearing up the wreckage and building and repairing bridges, roads and public buildings.

After flying here from California immediately after the hurricane to confer with New England governors, Harry L. Hopkins, National WPA Administrator, guaranteed that every resource of the Federal Government will be used to assist storm-stricken areas.

National Administrator Hopkins announced that:

1. As much money and as many men as are necessary will be available for rehabilitation.

2. Red tape will be slashed by allowing State Administrator John J. McDonough to directly approve projects up to $10,000 without the necessity of sending them to Washington for approval.

"We have the men, we have the money and this job is going to be done without delay," said National Administrator Hopkins before flying back to Washington to release millions for New England rehabilitation.

State Administrator McDonough made a swift tour of the storm ravaged areas of the state to confer with city and town officials and engineers who submitted estimates of damage to roads, bridges and public buildings. As he made his initial survey, WPA's army of workers were already beginning the gigantic task of rehabilitating storm stricken areas.

A few days later Washington allotted $5,000,000 for emergency projects in Massachusetts giving State Administrator McDonough full power to approve projects up to $10,000.

The Division of Operations perfected a system for getting requested projects under way speedily. By telephone and messenger new projects are pouring into state headquarters at Boston and being approved within a few hours after receipt. By Oct. 4 more than 200 had been approved with several hundred more expected to be cleared within a few days.

In West Springfield, Springfield, Fitchburg, Lowell, Chicopee and several other places, WPA-built dikes and seawalls proved their worth and saved scores of communities from a repetition of the flood of 1936.

Throughout the emergency WPA crews worked like trojans saving lives and property, opening roads for ambulances and fire trucks, salvaging bodies and valuables and doing a thousand tasks that needed prompt attention plus brawn. Unfortunately numerous deeds of heroism performed by individual workers during the thrilling hours of the emergency will go unrecorded.

When the wind and water had subsided a WPA survey revealed the worst storm damage along the southeastern shore of the state where a wind-lashed tidal wave practically wiped out entire communities. In the central and western parts of the state ordinarily small streams turned to raging torrents inflicting millions in damage.

Throughout the state hundreds of bridges and many miles of roads were washed out by floods while the tremendous power of the hurricane damaged hundreds of public buildings. Huge trees by the thousands blocking highways of the state were quickly cleared away by WPA workers. Many of the trees struck down were of historic interest and cannot be replaced.

Rehabilitating the state is a job in which WPA will do its full share in cooperation with other organizations. As National Administrator Hopkins says, "Everybody is working unitedly — state, city, local and federal authorities, voluntary organizations and welfare associations —all are pulling together with courage and determination to repair the damage caused by the greatest disaster in the history of the United States."

OPEN LETTER

To All WPA Workers:

The splendid work accomplished by WPA men and women throughout Massachusetts during the storm emergency is a source of considerable gratification to me. From all sides I am receiving glowing reports and praise of WPA workers who toiled night and day during the days immediately following the hurricane.

To every WPA worker who gave unstintingly of time and effort during the catastrophe I wish to extend my heart-felt congratulations. I am proud of you all. Your work and self-sacrifice constitutes a shining chapter in the story of WPA in Massachusetts.

Most sincerely,
John J. McDonough
Administrator

WPA ARMY BATTLES DISASTER

IN ACTION FROM START OF FLOOD, HURRICANE

WORK HIGHLY PRAISED

A valiant army of WPA men and women rushed to the rescue of stricken communities last week, toiling night and day to alleviate appalling conditions brought on by hurricane, tidal wave and flood.

From the time the first calls for assistance came from wrecked cities and towns, WPA men and women worked desperately to stem floods, remove victims from flood and hurricane wreckage, open debris-cluttered roads, prevent disease and provide food, shelter and clothing for disaster refugees.

Hours before the hurricane added horror to the growing danger of floods, Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough, Massachusetts WPA Administrator, and Ray C. Branion, New England Field Representative, were organizing their forces to combat the menace of rapidly rising waters in many of the state's waterways. Also with the Administrator's group were C. B. Hall, Chief of Operations and Col. Thomas F. Sullivan, Administrative Asst. in charge of Boston.

When the full fury of the 100-mile-an-hour hurricane raged through Massachusetts with death dealing fury, Administrator McDonough and Regional Director Branion were speeding toward western Massachusetts to direct the fight against a threatened flood in the Connecticut Valley.

Realizing the most furious gale in a century had caused the biggest disaster in New England history, the WPA leaders in this section hurried back to Boston to marshal the forces of WPA in the work of rescue and rehabilitation.

Throughout the night of Sept. 21, WPA crews were toiling to clear roads of debris, rescue the marooned and recover bodies from houses which had been smashed by the wind's weighty blows and from automobiles which had been tossed about like corks in the tidal wave and floods.

The bleak dawn of Sept. 22 revealed unprecedented scenes of horror and disaster and gigantic tasks for the WPA army of Massachusetts.

In the southeastern part of the state, hardest hit by the hurricane and tidal wave, thousands of men plunged into a welter of debris recovering bodies and clearing roads. Communities around Buzzard's Bay through which the hurricane roared with its full fury were the worst sufferers. WPA men recovered the majority of more than a score of bodies at Westport where all but five houses at Horseneck Beach were knocked flat and swept away by the wind and tidal wave.

WPA men shoveled feverishly to repair a gap in Crooked River road, Wareham, where a 50-foot washout had marooned the cottages at Swift's Beach. Their yeoman efforts evoked praise from newsreel cameramen.

At Falmouth, WPA workers burrowed through debris, rescuing the injured, recovering bodies and opening blocked roads. In the excitement there as well as at many other places throughout the state individual acts of heroism by WPA workers are known only by those directly concerned.

Hundreds of WPA men in New Bedford and a similar number in Fall River toiled along the tidal wave and hurricane battered waterfronts of those cities. In the Cove and Belleville districts of New Bedford where 16 were killed, WPA workers rescued scores from marooned and wrecked cottages and tenement houses.

As this is written the death toll in southeastern Massachusetts is above 60 and still increasing as bodies are washed ashore and found buried deep in wreckage.

WPA-Built Dikes Save Town

Out in the western part of the state, a WPA-built dike and seawall saved the town of West Springfield from a repetition of the disastrous flood of 1936. As early as Sept. 20 it was apparent that the four-day deluge of rain would create a flood comparable to that of 1936.

Administrator McDonough, consulting with C. B. Hall, Chief of Operation, ordered every precautionary measure taken to prevent flood damage such as Springfield suffered in 1936. Dikes were augmented by sandbags and sandbag bulwarks were built at bridge abutments.

After the hurricane passed, the crest of the flood rose to within three feet of the 1936 flood. But the huge earth dike and the cement seawall held back the raging waters of the Agawam and Connecticut rivers. Water on the river side of the seawall was three feet above the roadway on the other side of the WPA-built structure. WPA flood control work of the past two years had more than justified itself. The dike in the north and of Springfield also held and the only section of the city flooded was the south end where there is no dike.

WPA workers toiled like trojans in the little town of Orange, terribly devastated by the combined fury of flood and hurricane. For 48 hours after the hurricane the town was cut off from the world with its railroads and roads washed out or blocked by fallen trees. Athol, Templeton and other Berkshire towns had need of the rugged work of WPA men and received it in full measure.

WPA women in sewing, nutrition and nursing projects also did their full share during the emergency working throughout the weekend sewing warm garments for refugees, feeding them and providing them with shelter.

After the flood emergency abated WPA women turned their attention from making sandbags to making clothing for refugees in dire need of them. WPA workers also helped transport, load, unload and distribute tons of food and clothing provided by the Surplus Commodities Division.

Again, during this disaster, WPA men and women, by their acts, wrote a glorious chapter in WPA history in Massachusetts.

REMAINS OF A HOME

Storm refugee at Onset guarding all that is left of a cosy, well-furnished home.

WPA IN ACTION TO LESSEN STORM SUFFERING

FAIRHAVEN

SPRINGFIELD

ONSET

FITCHBURG

BOSTON

TEMPLETON

STORM DAMAGE IN STATE HEAVY

MAYORS OUTLINE NEEDS TO WPA ADMINISTRATOR

Mayors of Massachusetts at a meeting with State WPA Administrator John J. McDonough Sept. 26 told of terrific damage from hurricane, tidal wave and flood.

Cities hardest hit reported, in part, as follows:

Mayor Stonina of Chicopee—Sections of our city were just as badly flooded as in 1936, not only from the Connecticut River but from the Chicopee River which was six and a half feet higher than in 1936. The Chicopee River washed the bridge away and broke our water main. We were without water for three days. This was the main our electric system went through so we were without lights. After that we had a landslide whereby another spot where our water main that comes from our reservoir to our filtering plant went out of kilter and delayed the water supply until yesterday (Sunday).

Mayor Murray of Fall River—Two water tanks that we lost in the storm have a capacity of a million and a quarter gallons of water. They were used not only for drinking water but for fire purposes too. It is essential that we have these tanks replaced as rapidly as possible.

Mayor Yoerg of Holyoke—The last three floods have proved that what Holyoke needs if it is to save its industries is a seawall.

Mayor Bennett of Worcester — In Worcester $2,000,000 will hardly cover the damage. Our public buildings alone have suffered to the extent of $600,000 or $800,000.

I want to say how much we appreciate the work WPA has done. If anyone had any misgivings about WPA they have been dissipated. Their machinery was all set up.

City Solicitor King representing Mayor Putnam of Springfield—One of our imperative needs is the construction of the remaining dikes in the City of Springfield. The lower two-thirds of the city (flooded last week) is still exposed to the floods which might come at any time.

Mayor Carens of Newburyport — The old bridge has finally gone. We need a cement bridge.

Mr. Warren of the Orange planning board—The Town of Orange looks as if a bombshell had gone through it. Every industry in the town has been injuried by flood or hurricane. More than men we need materials to help rehabilitate the town's industries. We have 341 homes in a population of 5000 damaged.

Mayor Griffin of Lawrence—The main problem of Lawrence is the removal of uprooted trees. We also have many public buildings damaged by the hurricane. I feel we should be reimbursed the money we had to spend opening up streets.

ADMINISTRATOR IN STORM

When the hurricane struck, Administrator McDonough, Operations Chief, C. B. Hall, Regional Coordinator Ray C. Branion and Col. Thomas F. Sullivan were touring the state directing the battle against an expected flood. This photo was taken a few minutes before the hurricane hit Fitchburg.

STORM SIDELIGHTS

The mail box at the home of Pasquale Guichard of 124 Dayton street, Peabody, blew away with the hurricane. And inside the mail box was Pasquale's WPA pay check.

Eight WPA workers up on the North Shore were marooned on Woodbridge Island all night Sept. 21 (the Night of the Big Wind) and were rescued in the morning by coast guardmen. They are employed on a clam seeding project.

Women of the Nursing and Household Aid projects cared for about 200 flood refugees in the WPA-built Chicopee Infirmary. The refugees were provided with clothing provided by WPA sewing projects and were fed by WPA nutrition project workers. Inmates of the Infirmary, eager to help in the good work, volunteered to do the laundry of the refugees.

During the height of the hurricane up around Fitchburg, Administrator John J. McDonough and Regional Director Ray Branion, Operations Chief C. B. Hall and Col. Thomas Sullivan pulled and hauled at fallen trees to clear away for their tutomobiles.

At Orange, WPA workers have the problem of moving a building containing a restaurant which was picked up by the flood and deposited in the middle of one of the town's main streets.

Up in Springfield 17 members of the project for the handicapped workers insisted on doing their bit by reporting for work Sunday, Sept. 25, with the rest of the sewing project people who worked throughout the weekend making garments for refugees.

When the barn of Charles Schreiner of Westminster blew down in the hurricane, WPA workers pulled away wreckage and rescued Schreiber's herd of cattle.

Not knowing or caring whether they were to be paid or not, WPA men and women toiled night and day during the 48 hours following the hurricane.

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WPA WORKERS PRAISED

Confronted with the greatest task in its history, WPA in Massachusetts has begun the colossal job of repairing damage wrought by the combined forces of hurricane, flood and tidal wave.

Praised on all sides for the heroic part they played saving lives and property during the perilous hours of the storm and its appalling aftermath, WPA workers are toiling at the more prosaic job of clearing up the wreckage and building and repairing bridges, roads and public buildings.

After flying here from California immediately after the hurricane to confer with New England governors, Harry L. Hopkins, National WPA Administrator, guaranteed that every resource of the Federal Government will be used to assist storm-stricken areas.

National Administrator Hopkins announced that:

1. As much money and as many men as are necessary will be available for rehabilitation.

2. Red tape will be slashed by allowing State Administrator John J. McDonough to directly approve projects up to $10,000 without the necessity of sending them to Washington for approval.

"We have the men, we have the money and this job is going to be done without delay," said National Administrator Hopkins before flying back to Washington to release millions for New England rehabilitation.

State Administrator McDonough made a swift tour of the storm ravaged areas of the state to confer with city and town officials and engineers who submitted estimates of damage to roads, bridges and public buildings. As he made his initial survey, WPA's army of workers were already beginning the gigantic task of rehabilitating storm stricken areas.

A few days later Washington allotted $5,000,000 for emergency projects in Massachusetts giving State Administrator McDonough full power to approve projects up to $10,000.

The Division of Operations perfected a system for getting requested projects under way speedily. By telephone and messenger new projects are pouring into state headquarters at Boston and being approved within a few hours after receipt. By Oct. 4 more than 200 had been approved with several hundred more expected to be cleared within a few days.

In West Springfield, Springfield, Fitchburg, Lowell, Chicopee and several other places, WPA-built dikes and seawalls proved their worth and saved scores of communities from a repetition of the flood of 1936.

Throughout the emergency WPA crews worked like trojans saving lives and property, opening roads for ambulances and fire trucks, salvaging bodies and valuables and doing a thousand tasks that needed prompt attention plus brawn. Unfortunately numerous deeds of heroism performed by individual workers during the thrilling hours of the emergency will go unrecorded.

When the wind and water had subsided a WPA survey revealed the worst storm damage along the southeastern shore of the state where a wind-lashed tidal wave practically wiped out entire communities. In the central and western parts of the state ordinarily small streams turned to raging torrents inflicting millions in damage.

Throughout the state hundreds of bridges and many miles of roads were washed out by floods while the tremendous power of the hurricane damaged hundreds of public buildings. Huge trees by the thousands blocking highways of the state were quickly cleared away by WPA workers. Many of the trees struck down were of historic interest and cannot be replaced.

Rehabilitating the state is a job in which WPA will do its full share in cooperation with other organizations. As National Administrator Hopkins says, "Everybody is working unitedly — state, city, local and federal authorities, voluntary organizations and welfare associations —all are pulling together with courage and determination to repair the damage caused by the greatest disaster in the history of the United States."

OPEN LETTER

To All WPA Workers:

The splendid work accomplished by WPA men and women throughout Massachusetts during the storm emergency is a source of considerable gratification to me. From all sides I am receiving glowing reports and praise of WPA workers who toiled night and day during the days immediately following the hurricane.

To every WPA worker who gave unstintingly of time and effort during the catastrophe I wish to extend my heart-felt congratulations. I am proud of you all. Your work and self-sacrifice constitutes a shining chapter in the story of WPA in Massachusetts.

Most sincerely,
John J. McDonough
Administrator

WPA ARMY BATTLES DISASTER

IN ACTION FROM START OF FLOOD, HURRICANE

WORK HIGHLY PRAISED

A valiant army of WPA men and women rushed to the rescue of stricken communities last week, toiling night and day to alleviate appalling conditions brought on by hurricane, tidal wave and flood.

From the time the first calls for assistance came from wrecked cities and towns, WPA men and women worked desperately to stem floods, remove victims from flood and hurricane wreckage, open debris-cluttered roads, prevent disease and provide food, shelter and clothing for disaster refugees.

Hours before the hurricane added horror to the growing danger of floods, Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough, Massachusetts WPA Administrator, and Ray C. Branion, New England Field Representative, were organizing their forces to combat the menace of rapidly rising waters in many of the state's waterways. Also with the Administrator's group were C. B. Hall, Chief of Operations and Col. Thomas F. Sullivan, Administrative Asst. in charge of Boston.

When the full fury of the 100-mile-an-hour hurricane raged through Massachusetts with death dealing fury, Administrator McDonough and Regional Director Branion were speeding toward western Massachusetts to direct the fight against a threatened flood in the Connecticut Valley.

Realizing the most furious gale in a century had caused the biggest disaster in New England history, the WPA leaders in this section hurried back to Boston to marshal the forces of WPA in the work of rescue and rehabilitation.

Throughout the night of Sept. 21, WPA crews were toiling to clear roads of debris, rescue the marooned and recover bodies from houses which had been smashed by the wind's weighty blows and from automobiles which had been tossed about like corks in the tidal wave and floods.

The bleak dawn of Sept. 22 revealed unprecedented scenes of horror and disaster and gigantic tasks for the WPA army of Massachusetts.

In the southeastern part of the state, hardest hit by the hurricane and tidal wave, thousands of men plunged into a welter of debris recovering bodies and clearing roads. Communities around Buzzard's Bay through which the hurricane roared with its full fury were the worst sufferers. WPA men recovered the majority of more than a score of bodies at Westport where all but five houses at Horseneck Beach were knocked flat and swept away by the wind and tidal wave.

WPA men shoveled feverishly to repair a gap in Crooked River road, Wareham, where a 50-foot washout had marooned the cottages at Swift's Beach. Their yeoman efforts evoked praise from newsreel cameramen.

At Falmouth, WPA workers burrowed through debris, rescuing the injured, recovering bodies and opening blocked roads. In the excitement there as well as at many other places throughout the state individual acts of heroism by WPA workers are known only by those directly concerned.

Hundreds of WPA men in New Bedford and a similar number in Fall River toiled along the tidal wave and hurricane battered waterfronts of those cities. In the Cove and Belleville districts of New Bedford where 16 were killed, WPA workers rescued scores from marooned and wrecked cottages and tenement houses.

As this is written the death toll in southeastern Massachusetts is above 60 and still increasing as bodies are washed ashore and found buried deep in wreckage.

REMAINS OF A HOME

Storm refugee at Onset guarding all that is left of a cosy, well-furnished home.

WPA-Built Dikes Save Town

Out in the western part of the state, a WPA-built dike and seawall saved the town of West Springfield from a repetition of the disastrous flood of 1936. As early as Sept. 20 it was apparent that the four-day deluge of rain would create a flood comparable to that of 1936.

Administrator McDonough, consulting with C. B. Hall, Chief of Operation, ordered every precautionary measure taken to prevent flood damage such as Springfield suffered in 1936. Dikes were augmented by sandbags and sandbag bulwarks were built at bridge abutments.

After the hurricane passed, the crest of the flood rose to within three feet of the 1936 flood. But the huge earth dike and the cement seawall held back the raging waters of the Agawam and Connecticut rivers. Water on the river side of the seawall was three feet above the roadway on the other side of the WPA-built structure. WPA flood control work of the past two years had more than justified itself. The dike in the north and of Springfield also held and the only section of the city flooded was the south end where there is no dike.

WPA workers toiled like trojans in the little town of Orange, terribly devastated by the combined fury of flood and hurricane. For 48 hours after the hurricane the town was cut off from the world with its railroads and roads washed out or blocked by fallen trees. Athol, Templeton and other Berkshire towns had need of the rugged work of WPA men and received it in full measure.

WPA women in sewing, nutrition and nursing projects also did their full share during the emergency working throughout the weekend sewing warm garments for refugees, feeding them and providing them with shelter.

After the flood emergency abated WPA women turned their attention from making sandbags to making clothing for refugees in dire need of them. WPA workers also helped transport, load, unload and distribute tons of food and clothing provided by the Surplus Commodities Division.

Again, during this disaster, WPA men and women, by their acts, wrote a glorious chapter in WPA history in Massachusetts.

WPA IN ACTION TO LESSEN STORM SUFFERING

FAIRHAVEN

SPRINGFIELD

ONSET

FITCHBURG

BOSTON

TEMPLETON

STORM DAMAGE IN STATE HEAVY

MAYORS OUTLINE NEEDS TO WPA ADMINISTRATOR

Mayors of Massachusetts at a meeting with State WPA Administrator John J. McDonough Sept. 26 told of terrific damage from hurricane, tidal wave and flood.

Cities hardest hit reported, in part, as follows:

Mayor Stonina of Chicopee—Sections of our city were just as badly flooded as in 1936, not only from the Connecticut River but from the Chicopee River which was six and a half feet higher than in 1936. The Chicopee River washed the bridge away and broke our water main. We were without water for three days. This was the main our electric system went through so we were without lights. After that we had a landslide whereby another spot where our water main that comes from our reservoir to our filtering plant went out of kilter and delayed the water supply until yesterday (Sunday).

Mayor Murray of Fall River—Two water tanks that we lost in the storm have a capacity of a million and a quarter gallons of water. They were used not only for drinking water but for fire purposes too. It is essential that we have these tanks replaced as rapidly as possible.

Mayor Yoerg of Holyoke—The last three floods have proved that what Holyoke needs if it is to save its industries is a seawall.

Mayor Bennett of Worcester — In Worcester $2,000,000 will hardly cover the damage. Our public buildings alone have suffered to the extent of $600,000 or $800,000.

I want to say how much we appreciate the work WPA has done. If anyone had any misgivings about WPA they have been dissipated. Their machinery was all set up.

City Solicitor King representing Mayor Putnam of Springfield—One of our imperative needs is the construction of the remaining dikes in the City of Springfield. The lower two-thirds of the city (flooded last week) is still exposed to the floods which might come at any time.

Mayor Carens of Newburyport — The old bridge has finally gone. We need a cement bridge.

Mr. Warren of the Orange planning board—The Town of Orange looks as if a bombshell had gone through it. Every industry in the town has been injuried by flood or hurricane. More than men we need materials to help rehabilitate the town's industries. We have 341 homes in a population of 5000 damaged.

Mayor Griffin of Lawrence—The main problem of Lawrence is the removal of uprooted trees. We also have many public buildings damaged by the hurricane. I feel we should be reimbursed the money we had to spend opening up streets.

ADMINISTRATOR IN STORM

When the hurricane struck, Administrator McDonough, Operations Chief, C. B. Hall, Regional Coordinator Ray C. Branion and Col. Thomas F. Sullivan were touring the state directing the battle against an expected flood. This photo was taken a few minutes before the hurricane hit Fitchburg.

STORM SIDELIGHTS

The mail box at the home of Pasquale Guichard of 124 Dayton street, Peabody, blew away with the hurricane. And inside the mail box was Pasquale's WPA pay check.

Eight WPA workers up on the North Shore were marooned on Woodbridge Island all night Sept. 21 (the Night of the Big Wind) and were rescued in the morning by coast guardmen. They are employed on a clam seeding project.

Women of the Nursing and Household Aid projects cared for about 200 flood refugees in the WPA-built Chicopee Infirmary. The refugees were provided with clothing provided by WPA sewing projects and were fed by WPA nutrition project workers. Inmates of the Infirmary, eager to help in the good work, volunteered to do the laundry of the refugees.

During the height of the hurricane up around Fitchburg, Administrator John J. McDonough and Regional Director Ray Branion, Operations Chief C. B. Hall and Col. Thomas Sullivan pulled and hauled at fallen trees to clear away for their tutomobiles.

At Orange, WPA workers have the problem of moving a building containing a restaurant which was picked up by the flood and deposited in the middle of one of the town's main streets.

Up in Springfield 17 members of the project for the handicapped workers insisted on doing their bit by reporting for work Sunday, Sept. 25, with the rest of the sewing project people who worked throughout the weekend making garments for refugees.

When the barn of Charles Schreiner of Westminster blew down in the hurricane, WPA workers pulled away wreckage and rescued Schreiber's herd of cattle.

Not knowing or caring whether they were to be paid or not, WPA men and women toiled night and day during the 48 hours following the hurricane.

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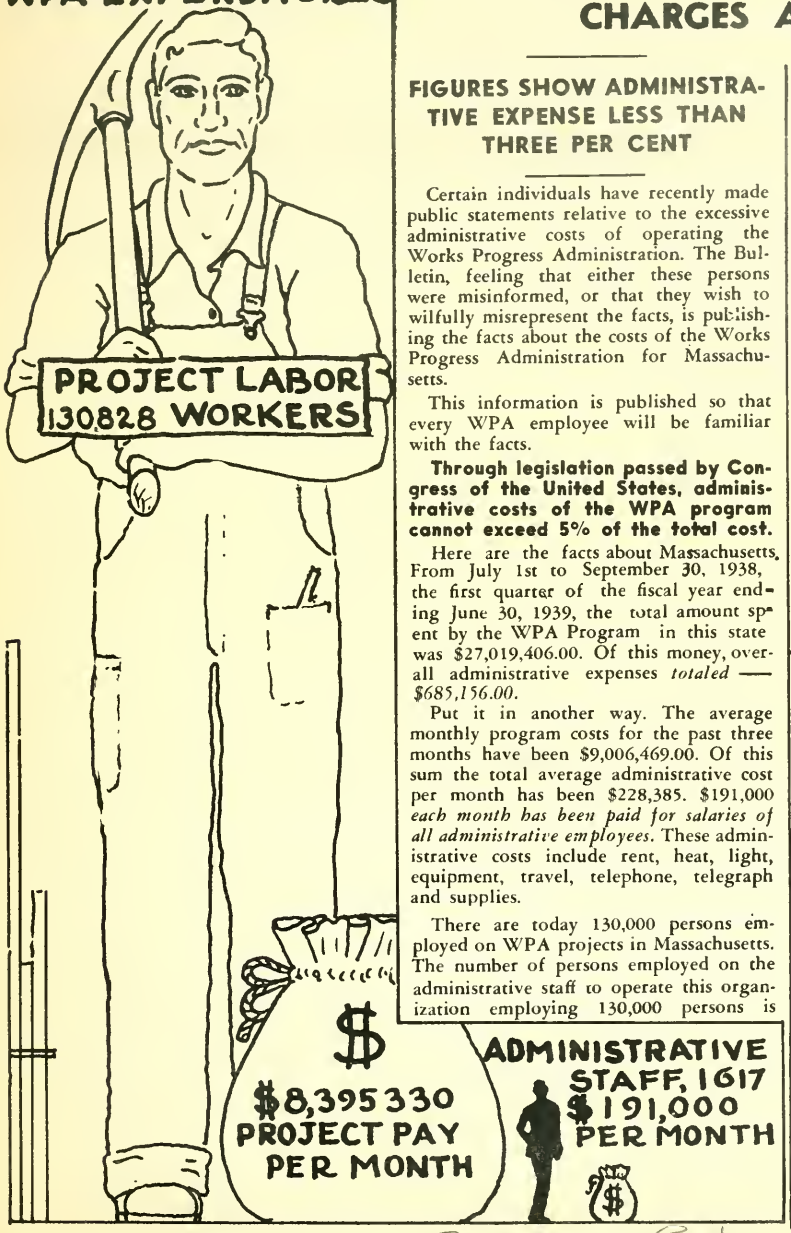

FACTS DISPROVE FALSE CHARGES ABOUT WPA COSTS

FIGURES SHOW ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE LESS THAN THREE PER CENT

Certain individuals have recently made public statements relative to the excessive administrative costs of operating the Works Progress Administration. The Bulletin, feeling that either these persons were misinformed, or that they wish to wilfully misrepresent the facts, is publishing the facts about the costs of the Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts.

This information is published so that every WPA employee will be familiar with the facts.

Through legislation passed by Congress of the United States, administrative costs of the WPA program cannot exceed 5% of the total cost.

Here are the facts about Massachusetts. From July 1st to September 30, 1938, the first quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, the total amount spent by the WPA Program in this state was $27,019,406.00. Of this money, overall administrative expenses *totaled — $685,156.00.*

Put it in another way. The average monthly program costs for the past three months have been $9,006,469.00. Of this sum the total average administrative cost per month has been $228,385. $191,000 *each month has been paid for salaries of all administrative employees.* These administrative costs include rent, heat, light, equipment, travel, telephone, telegraph and supplies.

There are today 130,000 persons employed on WPA projects in Massachusetts. The number of persons employed on the administrative staff to operate this organization employing 130,000 persons is 1617. There are 12 field offices besides state headquarters. There are 276 non-certified persons earning within the Security Wage Rate.

Now how about the salaries?

There are only 10 persons in the whole organization who receive salaries of $4,000 a year or more. There are only 32 who receive salaries of $3,000 a year or more.

Let us compare these figures with the only other large organization in Massachusetts administering public funds, the State Government of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Reports from the State House show that there are about — 21,000 employees not including the judiciary.

Of these 21,000, 419 receive $4,000 a year or more, 601 receive $3,000 a year or more. This is a total of 1010 out of 21,000 receiving salaries of $3,000 or more as compared with a total of 32 out of 130,000 in the Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts receiving $3,000 or more.

An Open Invitation

Business organizations, civic bodies, public officials, schools, clubs and other groups interested in how the WPA employs and pays 100,000 workers are invited by Administrator McDonough to visit Massachusetts WPA Headquarters, 600 Washington Street, Boston.

Parties interested in this invitation should telephone the Administrator's office, Hubbard 2730, to make arrangements to see administrative machinery.

MOTHERS' CLUB POPULAR IN WORCESTER

The mothers' club idea is very popular in Worcester, where each of the 22 WPA recreation centers has at least one club of that type. The Millbury Street center has five mothers' clubs.

WPA MOBILIZES TO SAVE WOODS

BALKING FOREST FIRES

HUNDREDS OF WPA CREWS REPAIRING STORM DAMAGE

More than 500 crews of WPA workers are toiling to rehabilitate the enormous damage to public property caused by the hurricane, flood and tidal wave of Sept. 21.

Preliminary estimates place the damage to public property throughout the state at between $18,000,000 and $19,000,000. This is roughly divided as follows: roads, $11,600,000; parks, $3,100,000; buildings, $2,300,000; utilities, $1,600,000 and cemeteries, $500,000.

Immediate action of WPA following the hurricane made $5,000,000 available for reconstruction. As of Oct. 18 this money is being expended as follows: Federal labor, $3,854,902; Federal other, $285,500; Sponsors' contributions, $986, 643.

Allowing Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough, State WPA Administrator, to approve projects up to $10,000 greatly facilitated the work of getting rehabilitation projects under way. This authority was granted by National Administrator Harry L. Hopkins after his survey of storm stricken communities.

Scope of the rehabilitation projects range from cleaning up the debris-littered southeastern shore towns and repairing town wharfs to repairing pumping stations, schools, parks and public buildings throughout the state.

No requests have been received to date for rebuilding hundreds of bridges washed away and damaged by floods. We have information that this phase of rehabilitation will be taken over by the State Department of Public Works. During the emergency immediately following the flood and hurricane, however, WPA workmen constructed scores of temporary bridges establishing contact between marooned communities and nearby towns.

Work on damaged sewer and water mains is being rushed in order to complete the major part of these repairs before cold weather sets in.

WPA foremen are exercising care to make sure that no salvageable lumber goes to waste during the forest clean up operations.

Among the first crews to start into the woods were 250 men in the thickly wooded sections of Petersham. It was in that town that the Harvard University forest, used in the study of forestry and in the experimental raising of trees, was hard hit by the storm. Crews were out soon after the storm throughout Worcester county and in the Berkshire Hills country.

The forestry work includes the clearing of all water holes and the construction of new waterholes where necessary. Broken branches and debris of the storm will be cleared within a distance of all roads, fire lanes, railroads, streams and lakes.

THOUSANDS TOIL TO PREVENT FOREST FIRES

AFTERMATH OF STORM

About 4500 of an army of WPA workers who will clean up enormous damage to forests of the state caused by the hurricane, are already in woods of the state opening up roads and fire lanes which constitute the greatest forest fire hazard the state has ever known.

Directed by forestry experts of the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture the WPA forest crews have the objective of completing the work before the next forest fire season in March. E. G. Amos of the U. S. Forestry Service has been named state director.

Following a general policy outlined by the Forestry Service, WPA workers began their work in the woods by re-establishing fire protection communications and rebuilding blown-down fire towers. The next step is the opening up of woods, roads and fire lanes. Hundreds of wood roads, particularly in the central and western parts of the state were choked with fallen trees after the hurricane.

In some sections thousands of trees are down forming gigantic piles of foliage which might become a raging inferno in case of fire. WPA workers are clearing these sections of fallen trees and burning brush that is useless. All lumber recoverable will be salvaged.

Fire lanes will be constructed through privately owned land only where fallen trees constitute a menace to the surrounding country. Fire lanes through coniferous forest are to be 100 feet wide and through hardwood at least 50 feet wide.

Where forests are particularly thick the areas will be grid-ironed with fire lanes so possible forest fires will be confined to the areas enclosed by fire lanes.

NEW EVENING SCHOOL IS POPULAR

1035 ENROLLED AS CLASSES BEGIN

VARIETY OF SUBJECTS

The Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts employs 1617 workers in its administrative offices.

Of this number the total of 1035 employees have enrolled in WPA Evening Classes offered through the WPA Division of Education in conjunction with the Boston Opportunity School.

Practical courses in elementary and advanced bookkeeping, shorthand, dictation, shorthand review and dictation, elementary and advanced typewriting, office machines, business English, mathematics of accounting and general information for Civil Service are provided in the classes which are held five evenings a week at 6:45 o'clock from Monday through Friday.

For two years the Massachusetts WPA has run Foremanship Training Schools and Training Institutes for project supervisors and project workers in all three operating divisions. These schools proved highly successful and through Evening Classes the WPA is offering opportunities for increased learning to its administrative employees.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

As every worker knows, there are four job classifications on each project — Unskilled, Intermediate, Skilled and Professional and Technical. The Unskilled and Intermediate are for positions calling for Unskilled and Semi-skilled labor, and the Skilled and Professional and Technical ratings are for positions calling for Skilled or Professional Labor.

To present all the facts about the distribution of wages in the Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts, the Bulletin shows in the following table the number of workers employed and the amount of money spent in the Unskilled and Semi-Skilled brackets as compared to the number of workers and the amount of money spent in the Skilled, Professional and Technical and Supervisory brackets. *These facts do not include administrative workers.*

It will be seen that 81.9% of the workers receive 78.4% of the total payroll, and that 18.1% of the workers receive 21.6% of the total payroll.

HOPKINS GENERAL ORDER

So that there can be absolutely no misunderstanding of WPA rules about elections and voting franchise, these regulations are restated as follows:

1. Every person who works for the Works Progress Administration, whatever his job, has a right to vote in any election for any candidate he choses.

All project employees of the Works Progress Administration and supervisory and administrative employees shall be entitled to exercise their voting franchise in the same manner as other citizens.

2. No WPA worker is required to contribute to any political party or any campaign fund in order to hold his job.

3. No supervisor or administrative person may attempt to influence the vote of any worker or solicit contributions for campaign funds from the people who work under him. Anyone who uses his position with the Works Progress Administration in any way to influence the votes of others by threat or intimidation will be dismissed.

4. *No one will lose his WPA job because of his vote in any election or his failure to contribute to any campaign fund.* This has always been the absolute rule of the Works Progress Administration.

5. When the hours during which polling places are open or any other conditions prevent employees from freely exercising their voting privileges, scheduled hours of work may be adjusted to provide the necessary time for this purpose.

6. Employees shall not be paid for time allowed during which to vote, but they shall be permitted through a rescheduling of working hours to work their full quota of hours during the payroll month for which the time off is granted. Discrimination in granting this privilege will not be tolerated.

The above stated rules apply to all administrative, supervisory and project employees of the Works Progress Administration and to employees on projects of other Federal Agencies which are financed with funds appropriated to the Works Progress Administration.

In order that these rules shall be known by all WPA employees and by other persons, the State Works Progress Administrators should reproduce this General Letter in sufficient quantities to post or otherwise make available copies at the site of every project and at all administrative offices within the state.

HARRY L. HOPKINS,
ADMINISTRATOR

	NO. OF WORKERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL	AMOUNT OF WAGES	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
UNSKILLED AND INTERMEDIATE	106,345	81.9	$6,577,248	78.4
SKILLED PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY	23,471	18.1	$1,818,082	21.6
TOTALS	129,816	100%	$8,395,330	100%

RECREATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE OPENS

Modern methods of recreational training are being discussed at the WPA State-Wide Recreational Training Institute which opened in Worcester Oct. 18. The three-day institutes will be held in various areas throughout the state until Nov. 17.

Among subjects to be discussed are: "How to Survey Your Community"; "Drama"; "Music"; "Cooperation With Other Agencies"; "Arts and Crafts"; "Organizing Adult Leisure Groups"; "Representative Contribution and Participation" and several other subjects.

Dates and meeting places are as follows:

Oct. 18, 19 and 20, Worcester.
Oct. 25, 26 and 27, Springfield.
Nov. 1, 2 and 3, Framingham.
Nov. 7, 9 and 10, Beverly.
Nov. 15, 16 and 17, Falmouth.

ASSIGNMENT DIVISION LEADS "600" BOWLING

Bowlers representing the Assignment Division are leading the "600" Bowling League comprised of ten teams from departments at WPA Headquarters, 600 Washington Street, Boston. The Surplus Commodities team, only a few pins behind the leaders, are waging a hot fight to top the league.

Billy Murphy of the Assignment Division has the highest individual average in the league with 96. Highest three-string total is held by J. Monahan of the Surplus Commodities with 324. Don Tormey, with 125, has the highest single string.

Team standings, as of Oct. 26 are:

Team	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Assignment	16	4	6576
Payroll	13	7	6564
Surplus Com.	16	4	6552
Project	10	10	6533
Accounting	12	4	6493
Audit	10	10	6405
Certifiers	7	13	6410
Prop. & Acc.	7	13	6376
Office Mge.	7	13	6315
Compens't'n	2	18	6062

FOOD FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

SURPLUS COMMODITIES, SEWING PROJECTS AIDED STORM REFUGEES

Unseen heroes of the aftermath of the hurricane and flood were the men and women of the Surplus Commodities Division and sewing projects throughout the state.

Food and clothing for thousands of victims of hurricane, flood and tidal wave were rushed to stricken areas by these divisions as soon as it was apparent that the storm had made thousands homeless.

From the Army Base in South Boston and other WPA storehouses trucks rolled in a constant stream toward flood- and storm-stricken areas. Drivers braved washed out roads and many other hazards in order to bring the precious food and clothing to places where they were needed badly.

In all sewing projects distributed 44,185 separate articles of clothing and bedding to flood victims. Surplus Commodities distributed more than 37 tons of food. In order to accomplish this men and women of those divisions worked considerable overtime including the entire day and evening of the Sunday following the hurricane.

Also deserving of praise are the WPA men and women who volunteered to work for the hard-pressed Surplus Commodities and sewing projects after their regular day's work on other WPA projects was over. Such work is a tribute to the spirit of WPA men and women.

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NEW ATHLETIC FIELD

Recently dedicated was the new stadium and athletic field in Tewksbury built by WPA.

Before the field was built, high school teams had only a rocky field on which to play baseball. Now there are baseball and football fields with cement and field stone grandstands. There is also a modern field house containing shower baths, lavatories, dressing rooms, trainers' room and ticket booths.

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TO PAY WORKERS EVERY TWO WEEKS

COL. McDONOUGH HEADS N. E. REGION ANNOUNCES STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Administrators of New England states conferring with Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough, Regional WPA Director of New England and Massachusetts Administrator. Seated, left to right: Ray C. Branion, Director, Second WPA Region; Lt.-Col. McDonough, Samuel H. Crosby, Vermont Administrator.
Standing, left to right: John C. Fitzgerald, Maine Administrator; Vincent J. Sullivan, Connecticut Administrator; Bryon F. Hopkins, Rhode Island Administrator and William P. Fahey, New Hampshire Administrator.

PROMOTED FROM RANKS

Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough, WPA Administrator for Massachusetts for a little more than two years, has been appointed Regional Director in charge of the six New England States.

Regional Director McDonough announces the following appointments to the Regional Staff:

Division of Operations

H. J. Baker, Acting Chief Regional Engineer. Mr. Baker was previously Regional Engineer before the Regional Office was transferred to Boston.

Dennis W. Delaney, Regional Engineer. Mr. Delaney was formerly Director of District Two, Massachusetts, and more recently Supervisor of Operations in the Medford Area Office.

Harry M. Shanahan, supervisor of operations at the Salem Office will replace Mr. Delaney as supervisor of operations in the Medford Area. William McQueeney, of the State Office, is acting as supervisor of operations in the Salem Office.

Division of Finance

Samuel A. Place, Chief Regional Examiner. Mr. Place was formerly Regional Examiner.

Bertram E. Trembley, Regional Examiner. Mr. Trembley had been in charge of statistics in New Hampshire and more recently in the Regional Office.

Division of Employment

Lawrence A. Bresnahan, Regional Supervisor of Employment. Mr. Bresnahan was formerly Director of Employment in Massachusetts and more recently Federal Labor Consultant in Washington.

Marion A. Joyce, Regional Social

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STATE CONFORMS TO NATIONAL SYSTEM

Under changes in administrative regulations in order that Massachusetts may conform to the procedure in all other states, project workers on and after March 6, 1939, will be paid every two weeks instead of weekly.

Massachusetts has been the only state in the country in which project workers have been paid weekly.

In the interests of economy and in order to transfer as much money as possible to project payrolls, the pay-every-two-weeks system, prevalent throughout the rest of the country, is being installed. The new system will also reduce the expense of preparing and distributing payrolls resulting in a saving of about $250,000 a year.

At present there are six payroll sections with each day of the week, excepting Sunday, a payday for some group of WPA workers. Under the new system there will be 12 payroll sections with each day, excepting Sunday, a payday for one of 12 groups over a two-week period.

For instance, a project worker who will get his weekly pay check on March 10, covering the work period ending March 5, will receive his next check on March 27, covering the two-week period ending March 19.

The change-over to the new system will begin after the Feb. 27-March 5 payroll period and will continue until March 17 when all project workers will be paid on a two-week basis. Once the change is made, a project worker who gets his paycheck on a Monday, for instance, will receive his next pay check on Monday two weeks later.

The change applies only to project workers as administrative employes have been, and are, paid twice a month.

ANNUAL REPORT

Announcement is made by Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough that the "Annual Report, 1938" of the Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts will be released early in March.

WPA WORKERS RESCUE TWO CHILDREN

WPA HEROES

Three WPA workers who rescued two children from drowning in Neponset River. Left to right: Amelio Straquelessi, James Willis and Ralph Melito.

QUICK, BRAVE ACTION PREVENTS DROWNING

Two Mattapan children were rescued from drowning because of the prompt, courageous action recently of three WPA workers employed on a Mattapan project designed to prevent just such accidents.

The WPA workers are: Ralph Melito of 117 Orleans Street, East Boston; James Willis of 998 River Street, Hyde Park; and Amelio Straquelessi of Roxbury.

The rescued children are Donald J. Gettings, 3, of 620 River Street, Mattapan, and Jean Roberta Dasey, 3, of 15 Malta Street, Mattapan.

Little Jean was the first to break through thin ice and fall into the Neponset River while playing with Donald near their homes. In trying to help his playmate, Donald also fell into the river. The children clung to the edge of the ice and screamed for help.

Melito, working nearby, was the first to hear the cries of the children and rushed to the spot. He broke through the ice and made his way to where the children were struggling in the icy water.

He grabbed the little girl and handed her to James Willis who wrapped her in his coat and rushed her to her home. Melito passed the boy to Straquelessi who swathed the child in his coat and ran with him to the Gettings home.

Because of the speed of the rescue the children suffered no ill effects from their icy bath.

All three WPA workmen are employed in the building of a stone river wall designed to prevent small children from venturing near the river.

After drying his clothes Melito returned to his job with his fellow workers.

(PROMOTED FROM RANKS)

Worker. Miss Joyce was social worker on the Regional Staff.

Division of Women's and Professional Projects

Oliver A. Peterson, Assistant Regional Supervisor of Education and Recreation. Mr. Peterson was formerly in the New York Regional Office.

Robert Y. Phillips, Assistant Regional Supervisor of Research Division. Mr. Phillips was previously in the New York Regional Office.

Arthur C. Gernant, Acting Regional Statistician. Mr. Gernand was formerly in Washington Statistical Office of WPA.

Eleanor Hayward, Assistant Regional Supervisor of Production and Service. Miss Hayward was formerly Director of Women's and Professional Projects in Massachusetts.

The appointment of Miss Hayward to the Regional Staff is followed by a reorganization of the Division of Women's and Professional Projects. Carl Rogers is named Acting Director of this division, which, under the reorganization will include the operation of all non-construction projects throughout the state.

The Regional Office covers the activities of WPA organizations in the six New England States. The Regional Office previously included New York State which has now been transferred to the Second Regional Area covering New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

WPA WORKERS MUST PROVE CITIZENSHIP

All WPA workers must furnish an affidavit in proof of citizenship before March 5 or be dropped from WPA rolls.

Blank affidavits, to be filled in by WPA workers, have been distributed to every WPA project in the state. After filling in the forms each WPA worker is required to have it notarized before a notary or justice of the peace.

In order that means of securing affidavits may be facilitated, Administrator McDonough has sought the cooperation of all mayors and boards of selectmen throughout the state in making available to WPA workers the services of notaries and justices of the peace without charge.

Mayors and selectmen, responding immediately to this request, are providing all the facilities at their disposal to assist WPA workers in filling out affidavits and having them notarized.

All WPA administrative and supervisory employees empowered to administer oaths are also cooperating in aiding WPA workers in executing affidavits.

IMPROVE NEGLECTED ROADS TO CENTENNIAL GROVE

Three miles of road leading from the center of Hamilton to Centennial Grove, popular amusement park in the early 1900's, have been improved by WPA adding to the area's advantages as a summer resort.

Many picnics and athletic contests were held at the grove thirty-odd years ago. But with the decline of the trolley car the popularity of the picnic spot also declined and roads to it were neglected.

In recent years summer vacationists have been re-discovering the beauties of the grove beside a pond and have been spending vacations there. This increased summer population prompted town fathers to promote the road improvement project.

CHECK UP ON NEED OF WPA WORKERS

400 INVESTIGATORS TO COVER STATE

Investigation of the need of every WPA worker in the state is under way and will continue until April 1 when the checkup will be completed.

About 400 investigators will make an analysis of the incomes of the families of all WPA project workers. Reports will show family resources and earnings of its members for a period of 30 days prior to the individual checkup. It will cover the income of each member of the family and any payments of boarders or lodgers during the period.

The checkup is being made of the 3,000,000 WPA workers throughout the country in accordance with a resolution recently adopted by Congress. Following passage of the resolution Col. F. C. Harrington, National WPA Administrator, ordered the checkup.

Results of the nation-wide investigation of the need of WPA workers will be compiled in Washington soon after the first of April.

Forms calling for complete analysis of the family resources of each worker have been issued to all state administrators by Fred R. Rauch, Assistant Federal Administrator in charge of the Division of Employment.

The investigation is expected to purge from WPA rolls those whose financial status has improved in an extent to make them ineligible for further employment on WPA. Jobs of those eliminated from WPA will be filled by certified persons on direct relief who are in need of WPA employment.

The 400 investigators in this state have detailed instructions concerning the procedure to be followed in checking up on the need of more than 120,000 employed on WPA in Massachusetts.

10,000 GRAVES ADDED TO SALEM CEMETERY

Many are the improvements, including the addition of 10,000 new burial plots, which WPA has accomplished at Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem.

Relief projects have built a greenhouse and a fireproof garage at the cemetery and enclosed it with a six-foot chain fence. What was once a swamp has been drained, graded and made suitable for burial plots. The rehabilitation of the former swamp has included the creation of a small pond.

WPA improvements have covered an area of about fifty acres at the cemetery, which will realize a handsome profit from the sale of new graves. Among the many additions is a Potters Field with a capacity of 1,000 graves.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY BANNED

General Letter No. 191

TO: ALL STATE WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATORS

SUBJECT: POLICY REGARDING WPA EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CANDIDATES FOR OR WHO ARE HOLDING AN ELECTIVE OFFICE

The Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1938 provides that the funds appropriated in that Act shall not be "used to pay the salary or expenses of any person in a supervisory or administrative position who is a candidate for any State, district, county or municipal office *(such office requiring full time of such person and to which office a salary or per diem attaches)*, in any primary, general or special election, or who is serving as a campaign manager or assistant thereto for any such candidate." It is the policy of the Works Progress Administration that this regulation shall also be applicable to candidates for Federal offices, and to campaign managers or assistants thereto for any such candidates.

Furthermore, it is the policy of the Works Progress Administration that no such person while holding an elective office, the duties of which would necessitate being absent from a WPA position during regular WPA working hours, or to which a salary in excess of $200 per year is attached, shall be employed.

These regulations apply both to field, district and local administrative staffs, and to supervisory personnel on projects, but do not apply to other project workers.

This letter supersedes General Letter No. 176 which is hereby rescinded.

CHELSEA FIRE CAPTAIN PRAISES INDEX PROJECT

Praise for workers on a project which compiled a record of the storage places of inflammable liquids and solids is contained in a letter received from Capt. James R. Rourke of the Chelsea Fire Prevention Bureau.

The letter is as follows:

"Dear Sir:

I want to take this opportunity to express to you my appreciation for the completion of WPA Project No. 16,831. This project had for its purpose a compilation of all storage of inflammable liquids, solids, chemicals, etc., in the city.

There were seven complete sets of cards made up; one for the use of this office, one for the office of the city clerk, where such storage must be registered annually, and one for each of the five fire stations in the city. In addition the information was compiled in book form which will prove of great value to the inspector who will check up annually for registration of this storage.

Many instances of storage without either license or permit were uncovered and the present set up of records is a very great improvement over the system of records that were kept prior to this project.

The sets of records distributed to the fire stations will, I believe, prove of exceptional value. By frequent references to them the officers in the stations will familiarize themselves with the location and kind of inflammables stored. With this information they can direct the work of their men more intelligently and safely in the event of fire in these locations.

The whole project was completed in a workmanlike and efficient manner by the men and women engaged on it under the able supervision of Joseph Donovan. Again let me thank you and WPA authorities for this job well done."

OLD SIDEWALK BRICKS USED IN NEW BUILDING

Walls that have been walked upon are in the new municipal garage which is about completed in Worcester.

Most of the brick used in the new garage, designed to house 19 trucks and other city equipment, was salvaged from old sidewalks which have been replaced by modern granolithic walks.

When the old sidewalks were torn up, WPA workers salvaged the bricks, cleaned them and stacked them in the city yards. Use of the bricks in the new garage represents a considerable saving in cost of materials.

BEGIN BUILDING DRACUT ATHLETIC FIELD

Land is being cleared for a new athletic field for residents of the so-called "Navy Yard" section of Dracut near the Parker Avenue school.

The athletic field will contain a football field, baseball diamond, two tennis courts, a parking space and accessories of a modern recreation plant. The athletic field will be about two acres in area.

Initial work in building the field is the clearing of rocks and underbrush from the area and the building of paths and roads. This is the first athletic field to be constructed in the Parker school section of the town.

PASTOR PRAISES WPA WORKERS

WPA workers employed on a sewer project in Fall River are complimented by the Rev. D. Robert Bailey, of St. Stephens Episcopal Church, in a current issue of the church newspaper, The Parish Leaflet.

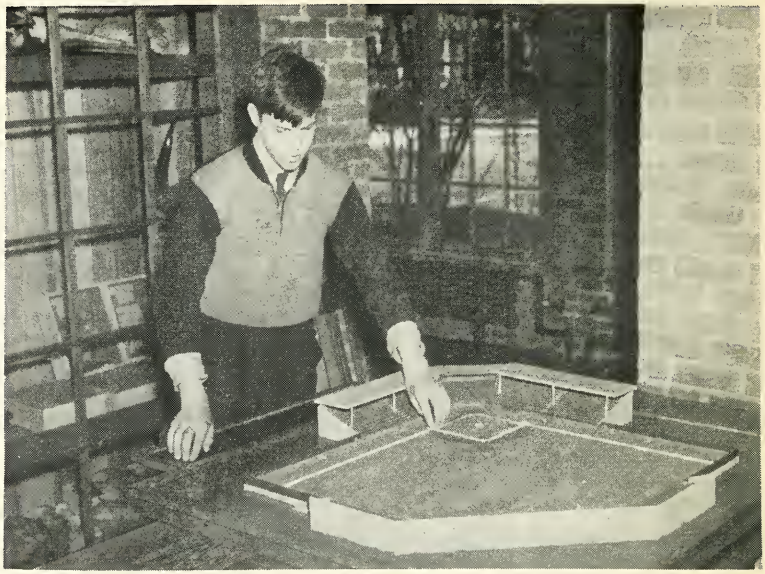
The article says, in part, "We want to express our appreciation to these WPA men for their many little acts of thoughtfulness and kindness to the Rector and the Church to make up for the necessary inconveniences which go with construction work. We know that the destiny of the nation lies often in the hands that toil under such circumstances. . . . If all the workers respect the Church as these men have done, we have no reason to fear."

SEAWALL FOR REVERE

To protect the section of Revere Beach between Oak Island and the Point of Pines a seawall is being built for a distance of about 800 feet. A footpath will parallel the new seawall.

The new structure will replace an old seawall which has been considerably battered by storms, particularly the hurricane of Sept. 21, 1938. Few years have passed in which the state has not been put to considerable expense in repairs to the old seawall. This will be eliminated.

"SEEING" BASEBALL FIELD



With this model blind persons may learn how baseball is played. With his right hand the blind person reads Braille describing the field and the game while with his left hand he "sees" various features of a baseball field by touching the model, made at a WPA project at the Perkins Institute for the Blind, Watertown.

BIG WATER WORKS PROJECT UNDER WAY IN SPRINGFIELD

An improvement in the Springfield water supply system which will also benefit nearby towns is the object of a $500,000 project which recently started. The project will provide work for about 400 men for a year.

The project will operate in West Springfield, Agawam, Westfield, Southwick, Russell, Granville, Blandford, Tolland, Ludlow, Chicopee, Wilbraham, Longmeadow and East Longmeadow.

Improvements will include: Repair and rebuilding of filter plants at the Ludlow reservoir, road construction and improvements, swamp drainage, reforestation, highway beautification, spillway improvements at Cobble Mountain reservoir, extension of water mains, clearing fire lanes, erosion control and other general watershed improvements.

The improvements will bring running water to sections of the city which have not hitherto enjoyed this healthful convenience.

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PRODUCTION DIVISION W.P.A. BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

MUSIC HATH CHARMS

Interest of backward school children in their studies is being aroused with music by James Lynch of the Fitchburg Recreation Project.

Early in December, Lynch decided to see if he could arouse lethargic pupils by interesting them in music. After teaching them the scale he encouraged them to learn to play harmonicas. Teachers say this new interest in music is reflected in increased application in their studies by the mentally retarded children.

"We promise to administer this program sympathetically with a genuine understanding of your needs and a deep conviction that all you ask is an opportunity to earn your living honorably."

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MASSACHUSETTS

LIEUT. COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH. State Administrator.

APRIL 10, 1939

USA WORK PROGRAM WPA

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WPA ROLLS BEING CUT TO 110,260

In accordance with instructions from Col. F. C. Harrington, National WPA Administrator, WPA rolls are being reduced from 120,000 to 110,260, as of April 8.

The reduction has been made necessary by the reduced WPA appropriation voted by Congress.

Every effort is being made by Col. John J. McDonough, State and Regional WPA Administrator, to make the reduction without impairing the efficiency of the WPA program in Massachusetts.

WPA-BUILT ROADS WOULD CIRCLE EARTH 11 TIMES

That WPA had built and improved enough roads to reach more than eleven times around the world is one of the facts contained in a report of national physical accomplishments of WPA up to the close of the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1938.

In all, WPA had built and improved about 280,000 miles of highways, roads and streets.

In connection with road work WPA has built 29,000 bridges, 313,000 culverts, 22,000 miles of roadside ditches and 1,400 miles of drainage pipe exclusive of culverts.

WPA has built 17,600 public buildings including 2,300 new schools, 5,500 recreational buildings, 100 hospitals, 800 courthouses, city halls and office buildings, 150 firehouses and 100 aircraft hangars. In addition to new buildings WPA has renovated more than 46,000 public buildings.

Recreational facilities include 140 golf courses, 4,600 tennis courts, 3,300 athletic fields which include handball, horseshoe, volleyball and badminton courts and ice skating rinks.

Completed are 6,100 miles of water mains, 9,000 miles of sewers, 80 water purification plants, 300 sewage treatment plants and 35 garbage incinerators.

The above figures are but a brief resume of the highlights of material accomplishments of WPA throughout the country up to the end of the last fiscal year.

AN OPEN LETTER

To All Project Workers:

Our office, from time to time, has received complaints stating that our workers have been urged or requested to buy tickets for so-called benefits and other affairs that are used as a means to obtain money from project workers.

So that the position of this office will be made perfectly clear we are notifying you now that no WPA employee is required to purchase tickets from any person for any purpose. This office would appreciate receiving information as to any violation of this rule. Prompt and proper administrative action will be taken.

Our supervisors have been notified from time to time that this practice will not be tolerated.

John J. McDonough

Administrator

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

General Letter 240 from Col. F. C. Harrington, National WPA Administrator, is reproduced in full on Pages 2 and 3 of this Bulletin. These regulations should be carefully read by all WPA workers.

APPOINTMENT

John L. Lund, former director of the Division of Education and Recreation, in Connecticut, has been appointed Regional Supervisor of Recreation and Educational Projects, according to an announcement recently made by Col. John J. McDonough, Regional Director.

REGULATIONS AND LAW AGAINST POLITICAL ACTIVITY

GENERAL LETTER NO. 240

TO: All State Works Progress Administrators

SUBJECT: Political Activity

Public Resolution Number 1, 76th Congress, approved February 4, 1939, provides in sections 3(a), 3(b) and 5(a) as follows:

"SEC. 3(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, to promise any employment, position, work, compensation, or other benefit, provided for or made possible by the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1938 or this joint resolution, or any other Act of the Congress, to any person as consideration, favor, or reward for any political activity or for the support of or opposition to any candidate or any political party in any election.

SEC. 3(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to deprive, attempt to deprive, or threaten to deprive, by any means, any person of any employment, position, work, compensation, or other benefit provided for or made possible by the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1938 or this joint resolution, on account of race, creed, color, or any political activity, support of, or opposition to any candidate or any political party in any election.

SEC. 5(a) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to solicit, or knowingly be in any manner concerned in soliciting, any assessment, subscription, or contribution for the campaign expenses of any individual or political party from any person entitled to or receiving compensation or employment provided for by the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1938 or this joint resolution."

Public Resolution Number 1, in sections 3(c) and 5(b) provides the following penalty for any person found guilty of violating the above quoted sections:

"ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A FELONY AND, UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN $1,000 OR IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, OR BOTH. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO, NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR, ANY OTHER SECTIONS OF EXISTING LAW, OR OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION."

The Division of Investigation of this Administration will be responsible for the investigation of all complaints or information alleging a violation of the above quoted sections of Public Resolution Number 1. State Works Progress Administrators are directed to forward all complaints and information indicating a possible violation of these sections to the Director, Division of Investigation, Works Progress Administration, Washington, D. C., for appropriate attention. In transmitting such complaints or information to the Division of Investigation, where a WPA employee is alleged to be involved, the State Administrator will include in his letter of transmittal the name, address, WPA title and WPA employment record of the person charged with the violation of these provisions of Public Resolution Number 1.

Public Resolution Number 1, 76th Congress, in section 4(a) and 4(b) provides that:

"SEC. 4(a) It shall be unlawful for any person employed in any administrative or supervisory capacity by any agency of the Federal Government, whose compensation or any part thereof is paid from funds authorized or appropriated by the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1938 or this joint resolution, to use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an election or affecting the results thereof. While such persons shall retain the right to vote as they please and to express privately their opinions on all political subjects, they shall take no active part in political management or in political campaigns.

SEC. 4(b) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be immediately removed from the position

SEC. 4(b) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be immediately removed from the position or office held by him, and thereafter no part of the funds appropriated by the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1938 or this joint resolution shall be used to pay the compensation of such person. The provisions of this section shall be in addition to, not in substitution for, any other sections of existing law, or of this joint resolution."

The term "administrative or supervisory capacity" as used in section 4(a) is interpreted to include persons paid on administrative, general project supervisory or project payrolls, who have actual supervision over any other employee or employees or who are in such positions that by reason thereof they may exercise authority or influence over other employees irrespective of whether they have actual supervision over the work of any employees.

Any person in an administrative or supervisory capacity who violates the provisions of section 4(a) shall be subject to immediate discharge and thereafter such person shall not be eligible for any employment which is compensated from funds appropriated to the Works Progress Administration. Where alleged violations of section 4(a) of Public Resolution Number 1 are investigated by the State Administrator, a copy of the report of each administrative investigation, together with a report on the administrative action taken as a result of the findings of each investigation, shall be forwarded to the Deputy Administrator, Works Progress Administration, Washington, D. C., immediately upon completion of the inquiry.

To carry out rules and regulations relating to political activity and to effect compliance with the provisions of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1938 and of Public Resolution Number 1, 76th Congress, no person employed by the Works Progress Administration in an administrative or supervisory capacity, as defined above, shall be retained in such employment if:

(1) *SUCH PERSON IS A CANDIDATE FOR ANY FEDERAL, STATE, DISTRICT, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN ANY PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION OR WHO IS SERVING AS A CAMPAIGN MANAGER OR ASSISTANT THERETO FOR ANY SUCH CANDIDATE.*

(2) *SUCH PERSON IS HOLDING AN ELECTIVE OFFICE THE DUTIES OF WHICH WOULD NECESSITATE BEING ABSENT FROM A WPA POSITION DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS OR TO WHICH A SALARY IN EXCESS OF $200 PER YEAR IS ATTACHED, PROVIDED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL SUCH PERSON HOLD ANY PUBLIC OFFICE THROUGH WHICH SUCH PERSON WOULD BE INVOLVED IN POLITICAL MANAGEMENT OR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.*

(3) *SUCH PERSON IS A MEMBER OF A PARTY COMMITTEE OR ORGANIZATION, THE DUTIES OF WHICH ARE CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL MANAGEMENT OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.*

The policy of the Works Progress Administration concerning the exercise of the voting franchise by WPA employees remains as follows:

> Every citizen who works for the Works Progress Administration, whatever his job, has a right to vote in any election, for any candidate he chooses. When the hours during which polling places are open or any other conditions prevent employees from freely exercising their voting privileges, scheduled hours of work may be adjusted to provide the necessary time for this purpose. Employees shall not be paid for time allowed during which to vote, but they shall be permitted insofar as practicable through a rescheduling of working houre to work their full quota of hours during the payroll month for which the time off is granted.

The regulations prescribed by this General Letter shall be effective immediately and State Administrators are directed to take such action as may be required to effect compliance with these provisions. In order that these regulations shall be known by all WPA employees and by other persons, the State Works Progress Administrators shall arrange to have copies posted on bulletin boards at the site of every project and at all administrative offices throughout the state.

This letter supersedes and rescinds General Letter No. 191 dated July 2, 1938 and General Letter No. 205 dated October 27, 1938.

F. C. Harrington

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ADMINISTRATOR

WPA WORKER RESCUES GIRL FROM DROWNING

WPA NIGHT SCHOOL CLOSES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Hundreds of WPA workers at state headquarters last winter took advantage of night school conducted by the WPA Vocational Education Classes designed to improve vocational efficiency.

By far the most popular course in the series was the Civil Service Review, attended by an average of 216 during the two semesters. All classes had an average attendance of 408.

Classes were conducted at WPA State Headquarters, 600 Washington Street, Boston, from Oct. 24, 1938 to March 22, 1939.

Nine teachers conducted classes with the following average attendance during both semesters: Civil Service Review; Civil Service Fundamentals, 56; Business English, 28; Mathematics of Accounting, 9; Shorthand Review and Dictation, 23; Shorthand Dictation, 37; Elementary Typing, 14; Elementary Office Machines, 14; Advanced Typing, 11.

WPA BRINGS RUNNING WATER TO AUBURN

Soon to be completed is the water system in Auburn, built by WPA, which will bring running water and fire protection to 150 families.

Families in the Elm Hill and Pachoage sections of Auburn will benefit from the project which laid 27,000 feet of pipe ranging from three — to twenty-seven inches. The project also installed 21 fire hydrants.

Water will flow through the newly laid mains from the Worcester water supply. The project started July 27, 1938.

A remarkable feature of the project is that it was completed at a cost $15,000 lower than the original estimate due to efficiency of operation. The Federal government allocated $73,420 and the town contributed $22,798 to the project.

NEW WPA BOOKS

Two books designed to interest visitors to the New York World's Fair in New England will soon be published by the Federal Writers' Project of Massachusetts.

"HERE'S NEW ENGLAND", describing twenty-two recreational areas in this vicinity will be available in April in a paper bound edition at 50 cents and in a cloth bound edition at a dollar a copy.

"THE BERKSHIRES", a 400-page book describing the glories of western Massachusetts will be out early in June.

HERO

Walter France

ASSEMBLING WPA-BUILT MILFORD WAR MEMORIAL

A marble war memorial carved from nearby hills by WPA workmen is being assembled in Milford.

By exercise of considerable Yankee ingenuity the workmen managed to move the huge blocks of marble, the largest weighing 20 tons, from the nearby quarries to the work shed.

The hundred pieces of marble to be used in the war memorial are now being transported from the stone shed on Main Street where they were carved and finished to the site of the war memorial on Milford Common.

The memorial will be 30 feet long, semicircular in shape and will be adorned with bronze placques bearing the names of Milford men who served in the World War.

COMPLETE FARM ROAD

A farm-to-market road project which has improved four roads in Lunenburg has been completed. The roads are West Townsend Road, Flat Hill Road, Reservoir Road and Townsend Road.

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Suicide Attempt Balked by Hero

Plunging into icy surf at Fall River on March 19, Walter France, 28, of 130 Tecumseh Street, Fall River, swam to an 18-year-old girl struggling in the choppy water a hundred yards from shore and saved her life.

France, who had just returned to work after a week's illness was working on a sewer project on Atlantic Boulevard, Fall River, when he heard shouts from the nearby waterfront.

A young girl, distracted by personal problems, had waded into a heavy surf and was swimming away from shore, intent upon committing suicide.

France, a holder of several long distance swimming records, ran to the beach stripping his clothes off as he ran. The surf was too heavy for launching a small boat and France rushed into the water and raced toward the girl.

She was determined to die and fought him off for a few minutes after he had overtaken her.

"Let me go! Let me go!" she gasped. "I want to die!"

With his own strength waning because of his recent illness, France chose the only alternative and knocked the girl unconscious. When he reached the beach with her he was too weak to walk and was taken with her to the hospital.

He has fully recovered. The girl is now glad France saved her and has given him thanks for saving her life.

France has been highly commended by WPA officials for his heroic act.

APPRECIATION

Appreciation for work done by WPA is expressed in a letter from Mary H. Healey, principal of the Christopher Gibson School, Boston, to James J. Mahar, superintendent of construction of the Boston public schools. The letter is as follows:

"My dear Mr. Mahar:

I want to express my thanks for and appreciation of the excellent work done in the Christopher Gibson building by WPA workmen. They have just finished a painting project here and the building is certainly a credit to them. The workmen and their leaders were most considerate and cooperative and the work was done quickly and with a minimum of discomfort to everyone.

Again, thank you and believe me to be appreciative of the work done."

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MASSACHUSETTS

LIEUT. COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH. State Administrator.

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MAY 11, 1939

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REORGANIZATION UP TO CONGRESS

TO CONDUCT COURSES ON CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

Arrangements have been made by Col. John J. McDonough with the Portland Cement Association to conduct a series of courses on practical methods of mixing and placing concrete.

Classes will be under the direct supervision of E. M. Fleming, Association Official, C. B. Hall, director, division of operations and John J. Fitzgerald, chief examiner.

All field engineers, and as many project supervisors as possible, particularly men who are engaged in concrete work are urged to attend the classes which will be held in the following cities:

May 19 Boston
May 22 Medford
May 24 Brockton
May 26 Lowell
May 29 Worcester
June 1 Springfield

Through these classes it is expected that efficiency in the handling of cement and cement products will be greatly increased as modern concrete construction, due to careful mixing and placing of materials has made great progress in the last few years.

WPA ORGANIZES TO FIGHT FOREST FIRES

The Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts is marshalling fighting forces to combat any fire emergency that might arise in those heavily timbered areas of the state that were reduced to tangled messes of felled trees by the awesome hurricane of last September.

Acting under instructions of Col. John J. McDonough, State Administrator and under the direct supervision of C. B. Hall, Director of the Division of Operations, classes, conducted by the United States Forestry Service, are being held in each area.

At each class a force of 20 picked field engineers, supervisors and selected foremen are trained by forestry experts in the best methods of fire fighting and fire prevention work.

After receiving final instructions these picked men go back to their projects and train project fire fighting crews of 30 men for each unit of fire fighting equipment. There are now about 100 such units involving about 3000 men and these crews would be fully capable of directing any emergency condition that might arise.

Units are located in the Springfield, Lowell, Medford, Brockton and Worcester areas where abnormal fire hazards exist.

NEW REGULATIONS FOR MAKING UP LOST TIME

Administrative Order No. 67 issued April 11, 1939, provides in Section 5 that the accumulation of allowable time lost shall be limited to fifty per cent. of each employee's normal assigned hours per month.

Make up time is to be allowed under the following conditions:

(a) An emergency involving the public welfare or to protect work already done on the project.

(b) When efficient project operations permit rescheduling hours of work for the purpose of making up time lost due to the following circumstances: Provided that in no case shall any project employee be permitted to accumulate allowable lost time in excess of fifty per cent. (50%) of the employee's normal assigned hours per month.

(1) Temporary interruptions of projects beyond the control of the workers.

(2) Illness.

(3) Injuries sustained in the performance of duty.

(4) Military service.

(5) Exercise of voting privilege.

When making up time lost the maximum hours of work shall be 8 hours per day and 48 hours per week.

FALL RIVER FIRE TOWER NEARS COMPLETION

Nearing completion in Fall River is a 60-foot steel tower designed for training the city's firemen, adjacent to the Stanley Street fire station.

At the base of the tower is a one-story brick house to be used for smoke and gas drills. The tower has three platforms connected by steel stairs with scaling ladders on the outside.

The old wooden fire tower was torn down as unsafe.

PRESIDENTIAL ORDER MERGES WPA WITH OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES

President Roosevelt's reorganization order merging WPA with other Federal agencies has been submitted to Congress.

Part 3 of the order creates the Federal Works Agency with an administrator to be paid $12,000 and an assistant administrator to be paid $9,000 a year.

The FWA will have jurisdiction over the following:

The Work Projects Administration, the new title for the present Works Progress Administration. The new WPA will have at its head a Commissioner of Work Projects at a salary of $10,000 a year.

The Public Roads Administration which will include the Bureau of Public Roads headed by a Commissioner of Public Roads. The bureau is now in the Department of Agriculture.

The Public Buildings Administration, which will include the Public Buildings Branch of the Procurement Division now in the Treasury Department, to be headed by a Commissioner of Public Buildings at $9,000 a year.

The United States Housing Authority, now in the Department of the Interior to be directed by a United States Housing Administrator.

The Public Works Administration, now the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works (PWA), to be directed by a Commissioner of Public Works at $10,000 a year.

ATHOL FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRED, RENOVATED

Nearing completion is the repairing of damage caused last September during the hurricane at the Athol fairgrounds.

The roof of the grandstand, just completed, was torn off by the high winds. WPA has again rebuilt the 68-year-old grandstand and are tar-papering the roof. Improvements at the fairgrounds also include the improvement of the baseball fields, and tennis courts. Open air fireplaces and picnic facilities are also being installed.

"600" BOWLING LEAGUE HAS FIRST BANQUET

"600" BOWLERS DINE

PRIZES AWARDED FOR INITIAL SEASON

Winners of team and individual prizes in the "600" Bowling League, composed of administrative staff employes, were feted at the League's First Annual Banquet, April 19, at the Hotel Canterbury Boston.

Col. John J. McDonough, Regional Director, was the principal speaker and Lawrence J. Bresnahan, Chief Regional Supervisor of Employment, was toastmaster.

The "600" Bowling League was organized last Autumn and the teams met once a week throughout the winter. Officers are: Joseph Hyde, President; C. J. Underhill, Secretary, and Lyman Reynolds, Treasurer.

The team prize was awarded the Surplus Commodities Division team composed of Harry Watling, Captain, John Wogan, Louis Burgess, James Monahan and William H. Hopkins.

Second prize was won by the Assignment Division team composed of Maurice Leahy, Captain, Thomas Callahan, John Sweeney, Cy Moore, William E. Murphy and Joseph Hyde.

The high team single string was won by the Certifying Officers team consisting of Jerry Sexton, Captain, Herbert Eveleth, Roland A. Smith and Frank Shannon.

Individual winners were: William H. Hopkins, highest average; William Mangon, highest single string; Les Wilson, high three string and Fred Lash, second highest average.

Prizes were awarded by Mr. Bresnahan, Director E. E. Gillis of the Finance Division, Director John Stalker of Surplus Commodities Division and Director George Cottell of the Employment Division.

TAVERN OF STAGECOACH DAYS BEING MODERNIZED BY WPA

Back in the 1700s and early 1800s, Eagle House in Lunenburg was a regular stop for stage coaches on the Mohawk Trail. Around its capacious fireplace Colonists gathered in pre-Revolutionary times to talk of the rapid growth of the country and the increasing oppression of their English overlords.

Later it was called Longley House after a family which owned it for several generations. At one time it housed the Lunenburg telephone exchange. It came into possession of the town and was moved from the principal square in 1936 to a nearby field to make room for progress.

WPA will remodel the ten big rooms in the house into a World War Memorial and community house. Modern plumbing and electrical fixtures will be installed and the entire interior and exterior will be renovated.

Town officials are preparing a project for construction of a new road to be known as War Memorial Drive from the community house to the Mohawk Trail.

NEW SEWER WILL BENEFIT 152 METHUEN FAMILIES

Extension of the sewer system by WPA will benefit 152 families in the Englewood section of Methuen. The extension will be made from the existing trunk sewer.

The 1939 town meeting voted $12,023 unanimously for its share of the cost. Federal funds amounting to $41,952 have been allocated.

STATE CHANGES

Carl Rogers, State Director of Professional and Service Projects, has resigned his position to accept an office in the United States Department of Commerce at Washington. Harold Dunney, Assistant State Director of Professional and Service Projects has been named Acting State Director by Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough, State Administrator.

REGIONAL CHANGES

Miss Marion Joyce, Regional Supervisor of Employment has resigned her position to become Director of Child Guardianship in the office of the State Public Welfare Department.

The vacancy caused by this resignation has been filled by Miss Ruth G. Lindall, Assistant Director of Employment in charge of Certification who has been appointed Regional Supervisor of Employment by Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough, Regional Director.

SPRINGFIELD CLUBWOMEN INSPECT WPA PROJECTS

TOUR OF SERVICE PROJECTS A SUCCESS

Springfield clubwomen received first hand information about WPA in their city April 21 when a tour of service and professional projects was conducted under the auspices of the Springfield League of Women Voters and the Springfield Federation of Women's Clubs.

Several weeks ago the League of Women Voters asked Miss Lucille Lockhart, area supervisor, for permission to inspect professional and service projects. Hearing of the plan the Springfield Federation of Women's Clubs enthusiastically joined the planned tour.

On the morning of April 21 more than 50 clubwomen accompanied by WPA executives started the tour. They visited the canning project in West Springfield first. The women divided into five groups at noon to inspect five schools where WPA serves about 1000 children hot, nourishing lunches. The clubwomen took keen interest in this WPA project for bettering the health of Springfield school children.

The women were also very much interested in the project for the handicapped where men and women, otherwise unemployable, are enabled to earn a living without becoming burdens to the community.

At the Wesson Memorial Hospital they observed how the WPA clinic saves the city money and promotes the health of the community by giving free medical care to those who could not otherwise afford it. They also visited the sewing project, furniture, shoe and toy repair projects and the surplus commodity project.

Mrs. Gertrude Hayward, a member of the Springfield City Council, and many of the women who took the tour praised the work being done by the projects they inspected.

Among the visitors who took the tour were: Mrs. A. F. Evans, Mrs. H. R. Wolcott, Mrs. F. T. Sebor, Mrs. Henrietta R. Morrill, director, Hampden County Consumers Institute; Mrs. Samuel Witkin, Mrs. A. Nathanson, Mrs. Leonard Dorsey, Mrs. R. S. Wilbrams, Mrs. S. J. Woods, Mrs. L. E. Young, Mrs. G. Perch, Mrs. R. Harney, Mrs. Marion Earnshaw, Gertrude S. Phelan, Mrs. R. Tyler, B. M. Shaw, Mrs. Ralph Williams, Rebecca R. Gordon, Anna E. Shrue, Miss Mary Bowen, Mrs. Goidell, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. P. A. Chamberlin, Mrs. Vernon Loynes, Dorothy Shute, Fluerette Bengle, Mrs. Davis W. Millett, Dr. Mabel F. Martin, Mrs. C. E. Holland, Sr., Adeline Campbell, Julia Whitmore, F. Pettingill, Geraldine Elliott, Elizabeth Sessions, Miss Heald, Mary Vida Clark, Mrs. Nellie Tracey, Robert P. Marsh and others.

Mrs. Mary McElligott, state supervisor of household aid and school lunch projects and Mrs. Catherine Ahearn, Area 1 supervisor, were among the WPA executives on the tour.

START OF TOUR

CUTTYHUNK'S LONE INDUSTRY, FISHING, AIDED BY WPA

Badly handicapped by the ravages of last September's hurricane and gigantic tide, Cuttyhunk's only industry, is being aided by WPA which is repairing the Fish Wharf and fish houses.

Without houses to receive the day's catch and with the Fish Wharf so badly damaged it could not be used, Cuttyhunk fisherman had a hard winter. During winter months the 120 natives of the island support themselves by fishing. The seagirt community is supported in summer by vacationists.

Repairs to the Fish Wharf, nearly completed, will be followed by construction of adequate fish houses.

Immediately after the hurricane WPA made emergency repairs to the boat landing used by the steamer from New Bedford which brings supplies to the villagers. Although WPA cleared the road to the boat landing of sand, winter winds have blown it back and a tractor is used in hauling supplies to and from the boat landing.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Arrangements have been made by Col. John J. McDonough to allow all administrative employees of the Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts every other Saturday morning off during April, May, June, July, August and the first week in September.

To do this the four hours normally worked on Saturdays must be made up. The lunch hour has been shortened to thirty five (35) minutes daily from Monday to Friday. In this manner the four hours for the Saturday off, will be made up, allowing half of each office force to be absent on alternate Saturdays.

MONOLITHIC SEWER FOR NEW BEDFORD

Discussed by city engineers for a half century, work is well under way on New Bedford's new monolithic sewer.

The sewer is six feet in diameter and two miles in length. It is 18 feet below the ground under sanitary sewer, gas and water mains.

In the past, brooks in the western part of the city have defied every effort to control them causing flooded cellars in a large section of the city. St. Luke's Hospital was a chronic sufferer from the condition.

About 1000 feet of the sewer have been constructed mostly through ground thickly packed with ledges.

PAINT BROOKFIELD SCHOOLS

Three small grade schools in Brookfield have been painted inside and out by WPA by a recently completed project. The schools painted were the School Street School, School No. 2 and School No. 4. The schools were in need of renovation for years.

FORESTRY REGULATIONS

All WPA workers have received instructions, similar to those issued by A. F. Miller, of the U. S. Forestry Service, regarding fire prevention practices These instructions follow:

a. Employees will refrain from smoking while traveling in cars or on foot, except on surfaced two lane highways.

b. Smoking may be permitted on the job only at safe places and at times designated by the foreman in charge.

c. State laws specifically provide penalties for throwing lighted matches and smoking materials from traveling vehicles. Employees violating such laws are subject to arrest.

d. Supervising officers and foremen will be expected at all times to set an example in safe smoking practises.

e. Employees will be guided at all times by the fire laws of the state. Exemption from the laws is not to be assumed, particularly in the matter of burning permits, wood closures, smoking, etc.

f. Brush burning will be done only under permit from the local fire warden. If favorable burning weather occurs within a period of permit closure, the move to take advantage of such weather will need be initiated by the local warden and not by the work project.

g. All employees are warned against the use of backfires in fighting forest fires. Employees can use backfires in supression work only under the direction of the town or district fire warden. State laws specifically limit this authorization to the aforementioned officers.

WATER HOLE SAVES VALUABLE PROPERTY

The practical value of water holes built by relief labor is graphically demonstrated in the following letter from James W. Turner, Chairman, Scituate Board of Selectmen, to State Administrator John J. McDonough.

"Dear Colonel McDonough:

Some years ago . . . . . there were constructed in Scituate six water holes for fire protection purposes at a total cost of $3860.

Recently a large barn caught fire and burned down at the Glades, which I think you will remember as the large estate located at the entrance to Cohasset Harbor.

This is a very isolated section, without hydrant protection but fortunately one of these water holes was located on the estate and by using the water stored therein our Fire Department was able to save a house assessed for $22,500 and garage and shed attached to the barn worth about $2500 which otherwise would have been a complete loss. We feel that this investment of $3860 not only served its purpose of furnishing much needed employment but was instrumental in saving $25,000 worth of property. The cost of constructing this particular water hole was $595.10.

I think we will continue to 'brag' about our Federal Projects."

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REDUCING FIRE HAZARD

UGLY FAIRHAVEN FIELD TO BE BEAUTIFUL PARK

An unsightly 10-acre tract will be converted by WPA into a beautiful recreation park in North Fairhaven where playground facilities are now lacking.

When the project is completed, a swamp hole will become a skating pond and a baseball diamond will appear where now is an ugly sand lot. There will be a parking area, sidewalks, culvert and surface drains.

Work on the park was started last fall but was interrupted by the September hurricane.

Fairhaven town officials plan to place a boulder in the park in memory of Thomas Livesey a native of the town who did much to encourage sports for youth in North Fairhaven.

WPA COMBATTING CAPE COD SAND NUISANCE

Drifting sand encroaching on roadways has long been a nuisance on Cape Cod, particularly in the Cape Cod canal zone.

WPA is carrying on a project to abate the sand nuisance and stay wind erosion in the canal area. The project calls for ditching, planting of beach grass and loaming and seeding the slopes of the canal.

More than 100 workers, largely from New Bedford, are working on the project designed to make the pleasant Cape pleasanter for residents and vacationists and to prevent sand slides in the canal.

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LIEUT. COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH. State Administrator.

USA WORK PROGRAM WPA

June 20, 1939

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

WORK RELIEF UPHELD AT CONFERENCE

MORE THAN 2000 ATTEND STATE-WIDE MEETING

The American principle of work relief for needy unemployed as exemplified by the Works Progress Administration was the keynote of the two-day administrative conference of the Massachusetts WPA, attended by more than 2000 administrative and supervisory employees, WPA coordinators, public welfare officials, mayors and selectmen, at the Hotel Bradford, Wednesday and Thursday, June 7 and 8.

Col. John J. McDonough, Massachusetts Administrator and Regional Director for New England, conference chairman, introduced an imposing list of speakers including Howard O. Hunter, Deputy National Administrator representing Col. F. C. Harrington, National Administrator; Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Administrator in charge of the Division of Professional and Service Projects and Fred R. Rauch, Assistant Administrator, Division of Employment.

Opening the conference Wednesday Col. McDonough welcomed a huge gathering that completely filled the floor and balcony of the main ballroom and overflowed into the aisles and corridors. He paid tribute to the workers for the many accomplishments of the WPA during the last year, said that since 1935 the Federal Government has spent $314,000,000 on projects in the state and $132,000,000 of that amount since 1938.

Since June 1936, 55,000 people have left Massachusetts WPA for private employment, said Col. McDonough and he pointed out that the average age of the WPA worker is 44.8 years while in private industry only 14.8 percent males and 5.2 percent females were over 45 years old. Up to last July, 99.75 percent of WPA workers were relief cases while 00.25 percent were non-relief cases. Since last July all workers receiving over $100 a month have been classed as non-relief workers. Despite this, percentage of relief cases are now 98.4 percent and non relief workers are only 1.6 percent. Col. McDonough said all administrative cost in this state which includes light, heat, rent, travel and salaries, is only 2.48 percent of the total WPA cost which is a far lower administrative cost than is possible in private industry.

LOST TIME RULES

General Letter No. 254

TO: All State Works Progress Administrators

SUBJECT: Making Up Lost Time

Administrative Order No. 67 has been interpreted in some states to prohibit project employees from making up time lost for reasons other than those listed in section 5 of Administrative Order No. 67.

It is the policy of the Works Progress Administration to extend to project employees paid in accordance with the schedule of monthly earnings every reasonable opportunity to earn the monthly schedule of earnings, and it is the purpose of this regulation to extend the authority for allowing lost time to be made up. Time lost by such project employees may be made up, subject to the limitations set forth in item (b), section 5 of Administrative Order No. 67, when:

1. In the opinion of the State Works Progress Administrator or his authorized representative the cause of absence was reasonable; and
2. Such time lost can be made up without interfering with the efficient operation of the project; and
3. Application for permission and authority granted to make up such lost time has been made in advance, or if application was not made in advance, the circumstances are such as to warrant favorable action.

F. C. Harrington

F. C. Harrington
Administrator

Other speakers Wednesday morning were: Harold G. Dunney, Acting Director of Professional and Service Projects; Everett E. Gillis, Director, Division of Finance; Miss Eleanor Hayward, Regional Supervisor, Production and Service Projects; John C. Stalker, Director, Surplus Commodities Distribution

"People who say that the nation's WPA workers are bums and loafers must accept the burden of arguing that one-fifth of the country's population is shiftless, because 20 percent of the people of the United States have been supported at one time or another by the WPA", said Howard O. Hunter, speaker at the Wednesday luncheon.

Mr. Hunter said that during the four years of WPA, 4,500,000 persons—100,000 a month—have quit WPA to return to private employment and predicted that 1,000,000 persons, or about one-third of the present WPA personnel in the United States, would be eliminated from the program during the next fiscal year if Congress adopts the reduced $1,500,000 appropriation now before a House subcommittee.

After luncheon speakers were: C. B. Hall, Director, Division of Operations; George H. Cottell, Director, Division of Employment; Col. Thomas F. Sullivan, Administrative Assistant in charge of the City of Boston.

Thursday morning and afternoon, various divisions held separate meetings.

High tribute was given Col. McDonough by Mrs. Florence Kerr, co-speaker with Fred R. Rauch, during the Thursday luncheon. Mrs. Kerr said that long before she met the colonel or visited Boston she had heard of him in Washington and that the administration of the Massachusetts WPA by Col. McDonough was an out-

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PROMOTIONS

In keeping with the policy of advancement from within the ranks, Col. John J. McDonough has announced the following promotions.

Mrs. Catherine Ahearn, Supervisor of the Boston Area has been appointed to the position of State Supervisor of Production and Service Projects.

John J. Croston, State Statistician, has been named Consultant of Research and Statistical Projects, Professional and Service Division.

BULLETIN CAMERA VISITS 1939

Fred R. Rauch, Assistant National Administrator, Division of Employment, addressing Massachusetts WPA Administrative Conference on the opening day of the meeting.

Col. John J. McDonough greeting Howar
the South Station, Boston, on the opening day

Left to right: Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant National Administrator, Division of Professional and Service Projects; Col. McDonough and Fred R. Rauch, Assistant National Administrator, Division of Employment, at the Thursday luncheon.

Registration clerks in
Hotel Bradford.

General crowd view at the Wednesday meeting of the Conference.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE

O. Hunter, Deputy National Administrator, at of the Massachusetts Administrative Conference.

Thursday meeting of the Division of Professional and Service Projects in the Penthouse.

the lobby of the

Col. McDonough opening the two day Administrative Conference.

Registration in the lobby of the Hotel Bradford.

Panoramic view of the Thursday luncheon. Col. McDonough is at the left of the microphone and Howard O. Hunter, at the right.

CONFERENCE

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standing achievement. Mrs. Kerr outlined outstanding achievements of the professional and service projects.

Mr. Rauch dealt with labor problems of the Works Progress Administration and said that since the WPA is an instrument of the people it must give heed to the interests of all the people and is bound to accept a responsibility for public welfare but it must also guide its course of action through the zone of fairness.

Speakers in addition to Col. McDonough and the State Staff during Thursday sessions were:

F. C. Kneeland, assistant director of finance; Jerome Shanahan, supervisor of time control; William Thompson, supervisor of transportation; Joseph Flaherty, supervisor of accounting; John Callahan, supervisor of payrolls; John Burns, state compensation officer; M. J. Daley, supervisor of operations, Springfield area; John J. Fitzgerald, chief engineer, state headquarters; Walter F. Como, supervisor of operations, Brockton area; H. M. Shanahan, supervisor of operations, Medford area; Edward W. Fitzgerald, supervisor of operations, Boston area; James W. Meehan, supervisor of operations, Worcester area; W. E. McQueeney, supervisor of operations, Salem area.

Ralph Lavers, P&S field supervisor; Joseph J. Kelleher, intake certification; Charles D. White, chief, record section; Joseph T. Hyde, chief, labor scheduling; William H. O'Brien, supervisor of labor relations; C. O. Littlefield, assistant director of employment; Lawrence J. Bresnahan, chief regional supervisor of employment; Harold N. Baker, acting chief regional engineer; James R. Powers, supervisor of operations, Lowell area; W. J. O'Hearn, state safety consultant; Robert Y. Phillips, regional supervisor of research and record projects; Mrs. Margaret Wallace, Nelson McCraw, Mrs. Catherine Ahern, Raymond Paten and Mrs. Lucille Lockhart of the professional and service projects.

320 WPA WORKERS PASS RED CROSS TESTS

Since Jan. 9, there have been 320 WPA workers who have attended first aid classes in Worcester County and have passed rigid Red Cross tests. Instructor John Lauter of Lynn has conducted classes in Worcester, Fitchburg, Whitinsville, Millville, Blackstone, Barre, Webster, Warren, Gardner and Athol.

BUILD ROAD AROUND POND

Fire protection for 90,000 young pine trees set out on the shores of Glen Lewis pond will be aided by a rough road WPA workers are building around the pond in Lynn.

TO BE REPLACED BY WPA-BUILT SCHOOL

Century-old school in Royalston which will be replaced by a brick school being built by WPA.

MODERN STRUCTURE REPLACES CENTURY-OLD ROYALSTON SCHOOL

The project calls for WPA doing not only the building but the electrical work, plumbing, heating and ventilating.

A well will be driven on the property and an electric pump will be installed in the school basement. There will be a fire alarm system, drinking fountains and sidewalks.

The century old school was damaged by the hurricane last September. Only temporary repairs were made as town officials had decided the time had come to replace the decrepit, wooden school building which never had even electric lights with a modern school building this year

It's the little white schoolhouse instead of the traditional "little red schoolhouse" which is being eliminated by progress in Royalston.

The 100-year-old Center Grade School will be replaced by a new brick schoolhouse on which work was begun recently.

For a generation parents of school children in Royalston have been complaining about the condition of the drafty, old wooden school with its cracked, grimy walls, its unsanitary outside lavatories and its old wood stoves.

The new brick school is being built about 100 feet from the old building.

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DEDICATE FIELD IN QUINCY

A WPA-built baseball diamond comparable with major league fields was praised recently by Quincy city officials at the dedication of Adams Field in Merrymount Park, Quincy.

Charles Francis Adams, former Secretary of the Navy, whose aunt and uncle gave the 90-acre tract to Quincy for a park, was one of the principal speakers.

Praise for the WPA workers who built and beautified the park was contained in the dedicatory address of Mayor Thomas S. Burgin. Chairman William J. Spargo and members of the park commission also participated. About 3000 attended the dedication and a baseball game between Quincy and North Quincy high schools.

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DENIS W. DELANEY - State Administrator

Christmas, 1939

TOY REPAIR PROJECTS HELP SANTA CLAUS

This little girl seems to have no doubt that Santa Claus will arrive as she sits amid a few of the thousands of discarded toys, renovated by WPA during the year.

Season's Greetings

To all WPA workers, coordinators, city and town officials and others who have cooperated with the Work Projects Administration in Massachusetts during the past year, I extend my greetings and the heartfelt hope that the holiday season may be one of the happiest they have ever known.

As it is practically impossible to thank individually each of the thousands who work for and assist the WPA program throughout the year, I am taking this means to bring a personal message to all who have contributed to the accomplishments of the WPA in Massachusetts during 1939.

Denis W. Delaney
Administrator

DISCARDED PLAYTHINGS RENOVATED FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

An empty stocking on Christmas Morning. Nothing in life can be such a bitter disappointment for a child.

To fill empty stockings of needy children who might not otherwise be remembered, WPA toy repair projects in Massachusetts have repaired more than 55,000 toys this year.

Discarded toys are collected by project workers who repair and repaint them. To all appearances they are brand new when delivered at Christmas time.

Although methods of collecting toys vary, the greatest success is achieved with WPA and school officials cooperating.

Often the appeal is made in school auditoriums. In conjunction with the appeal for toys entertainment in the form of a display of skill by a magician or a Punch and Judy show is staged. Then the appeal for the raw material for the project is made.

Responses from children have been magnificent. When the toy donated is too bulky for the child to carry to school for collection, WPA trucks call at homes for them.

Rejuvenation of toys is but a small part of the repair projects which salvage furniture, clothing and shoes.

During the hurricane and flood of 1938 and the flood of 1936, hundreds of families whose furniture was destroyed were rehabilitated with renovated furniture, clothing and shoes from the repair projects.

In one instance a family which had lost everything when a fire destroyed a moving van, were re-established by necessities provided by the repair projects. In several cases furniture destroyed by house fires has been replaced and partly burned furniture has been reconditioned.

The work of the repair projects does not compete with private industry because furniture and clothing is given only to relief families who would be unable to purchase the goods no matter how low the price.

FITCHBURG UNDERPASS AHEAD OF WORK SCHEDULE

HALF FINISHED IN ONE THIRD TIME ESTIMATED

Far in advance of its work schedule the pedestrian underpass being built under Boston and Maine Railroad tracks at Fitchburg will probably be completed early in January.

Ground was broken for the underpass on Oct. 23, 1939 and it was estimated that the project would take about four months to complete.

In recent years several children who attended parochial schools connected with St. Bernard's Church have been killed or injured while taking a short cut across the railroad tracks.

At the ground-breaking Oct. 23, Mayor Alfred Woollacott, speaking of the most recent accident to a little girl, said, "As I stood beside her broken body I vowed that I would not rest until we had this work underway . . . "

On Dec. 2 the Fitchburg Sentinel announced that "The First Street underpass, a WPA project started Oct. 23 and scheduled to take four months with 100 laborers engaged, is already half finished in one-third of the allotted time, and, barring serious delays or mishaps, the job will be completed soon after the first of the year."

"No WPA project ever got under way here with more speed and efficiency. Alden Marble of the city engineering department, who is in charge of the work, gives credit for the rapid progress to the men on the job."

WPA officials, in turn, attributed the rapidity of progress to City Engineer Marble whose careful planning of the project work has resulted in no delays due to lack of material.

In addition to the pedestrian underpass WPA workers are building head houses on each end of the tunnel, an iron footbridge over the Nashua river, replacing one swept away by the 1938 flood and sidewalks approaching the underpass.

Site of the Fitchburg pedestrian underpass as it appeared just before work began Oct. 23, 1939.

The Fitchburg underpass as it appeared during the first week in December.

AREA OFFICES

Since the last Bulletin was published the Brockton and Fall River area offices have been combined in an area office in Taunton which is headquarters for WPA activities in southeastern Massachusetts.

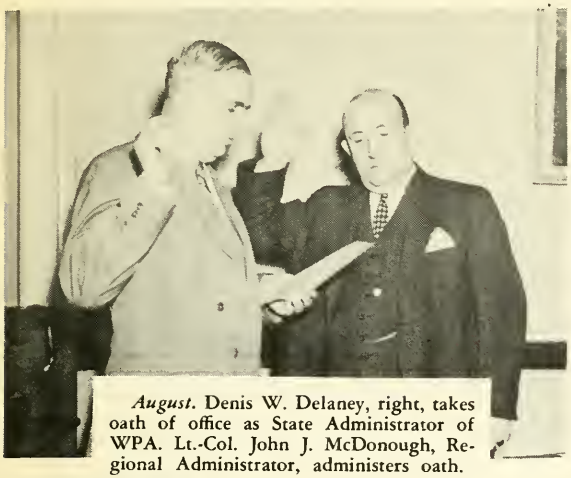
There are now four area offices and three field offices as follows:

Area Offices		Field Offices	
Boston	1	Lowell	3
Medford	2	Salem	4
Taunton	6	Worcester	8
Springfield	10		

NOTES

The winter program is well under way in most cities and towns . . . Prevention of forest fires by cutting fire lanes, the ceaseless war against foliage pests, reservoir and water shed work and some street, sewer and water main work . . . During 1939 there were about 25 miles of sidewalks constructed in Springfield. Making a total of 37 miles since 1937 . . . The new Bond's Hill Reservoir at Gloucester will have a capacity of 6,000,000 gallons of water. The covered concrete reservoir was blasted out of rock on the top of the hill . . . High police officials of Boston attended a farewell party for Miss Elizabeth Gallagher of East Boston who left the police indexing project. She will become a nun and eventually go to China in mission service . . . Completed in November were the West Street Paddle Pool and the Ruth Elizabeth Paddle Pool in Springfield . . . A sub-committee report to the Amesbury Taxpayers Association on Nov. 23 said, in part, "Unemployment will be with us for some time to come and WPA furnishes relief to many and if abandoned would result in added burden to our already overloaded welfare department." . . . Large signs giving the facts about their work were displayed to all Saugus WPA projects during a three-day civic observance in October. Coordinator Frank Murphy says the celebration will be an annual affair in one of the most enterprising little towns of the state . . . Completed recently was the South Park bandstand, settees for 1000, walks and lighting facilities for night programs in the good old summertime . . . The old canal which has been an eyesore and health menace in Salem will be enclosed in twin concrete conduits, five feet in diameter and about 1500 feet long . . . Lynn is planning to build a municipal golf course . . . One of the two stands (each seating 3000) in the Newburyport football stadium was completed in time for use during the recent football season . . . The demolition project in Holyoke, which is clearing the site of a housing project, will salvage about 7,000,000 bricks and considerable lumber and other building materials . . . The same is true of the Lowell demolition project . . .

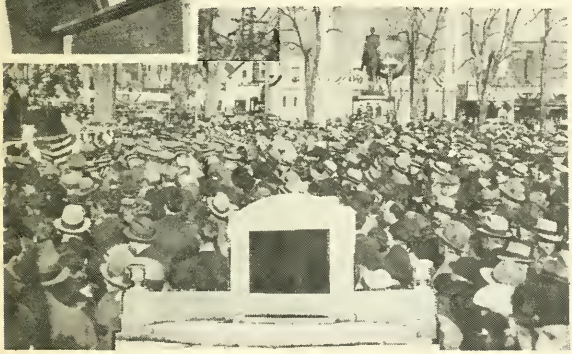
PHOTOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS SINCE JUNE

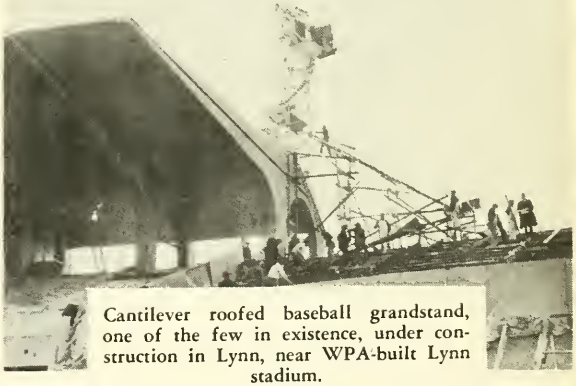


August. Denis W. Delaney, right, takes oath of office as State Administrator of WPA. Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough, Regional Administrator, administers oath.

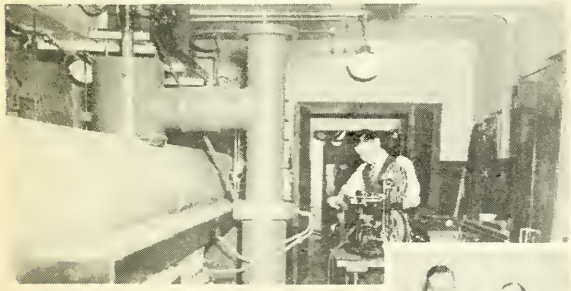
September. WPA exhibit at Eastern States Exposition, Springfield just before crowds were admitted on first day.

November. Milford dedicates WPA-built World War Memorial. Inset, above, Senator David I. Walsh, principal speaker. Insert, below, the memorial. Granite quarried, carved and set up by WPA.

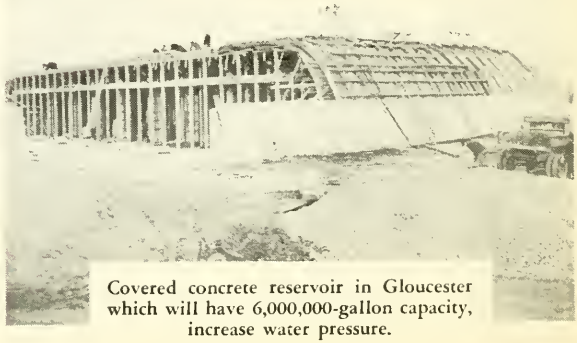




Cantilever roofed baseball grandstand, one of the few in existence, under construction in Lynn, near WPA-built Lynn stadium.



World's largest spectroscope at Massachusetts Institute of Technology used by WPA Spectroscopic Laboratories Studies project. Inset, Prof. George R. Harrison of Tech and Col. Robert C. Eddy, WPA supervisor, examine scientific book produced from data compiled by WPA.



Covered concrete reservoir in Gloucester which will have 6,000,000-gallon capacity, increase water pressure.

FEDERAL FOOD CLOTHING BRIGHTEN CHRISTMAS

NEEDY HELPED BY SURPLUS COMMODITIES, PRODUCTION DIVISIONS

Benevolent as Santa Claus to the needy throughout the year and particularly at Christmas-time is the work of two WPA agencies which manufacture and distribute nourishing food and warm clothing to relief families.

Toy repair projects gladden the hearts of needy children. Their parents are helped by the Surplus Commodities Division, working in close cooperation with the sewing and canning projects.

To combat want in the midst of plenty the Surplus Commodities Division receives textiles, raw materials and food, over-produced here and in other parts of the country.

The 380 district stations of the division distribute the fresh fruit, vegetables, flour, and other foods. That which cannot be distributed at once is turned over to WPA canning projects which preserve it for later distribution when the fruit or vegetables are out of season.

Textiles, wool and cotton are turned over to the 132 sewing projects in Massachusetts which turn out more than 300,000 articles of clothing and bedding each month.

Manufactured clothing, bedding and canned goods are distributed by the Surplus Commodities Division, which also distributes the nearly 100,000 cans of food produced by the canning projects each month.

During this Christmas season the Surplus Commodities Division is distributing more than 225,000 articles of clothing and about 15,000,000 pounds of food. Food available during December included fluid milk, butter, oranges, apples, squash, onions, corn meal, oatmeal, wheat cereal and dried beans.

During 1939 more than 4,000,000 articles of clothing and 185,000,000 pounds of food have been distributed to about 190,000 relief families. This includes WPA families, families on direct relief and families receiving various forms of town, city, county and state relief.

In urban centres members of relief families call for the food and clothing distributed by the Surplus Commodities Division. There are 100 rural areas where this method is not practical and the food is delivered by truck at regular intervals to relief families.

Thousands in Massachusetts will be well fed and clothed this Christmas and throughout the winter because of the well planned work of the Surplus commodities Division headed by John C. Stalker and the sewing and canning projects operated by Mrs. Catherine E. Ahearn under the direction of Harold G. Dunney, director of Professional and Service Projects.

FOOD. Bags of flour and beans and cartons of canned goods in one of several warehouses of the Surplus Commodities Division.

CLOTHING. Typical WPA sewing room where thousands of garments are manufactured for relief families.

Pursuant to the authority of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Acts from 1935 to 1939, the Work Projects Administration is authorized to furnish information to the public on allotments made and on the progress of all projects as they are initiated and carried forward.

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"P & S" OPEN-HOUSE WEEK MAY 20—25

L. to R.: Col. John J. McDonough, Regional Director and Administrator Denis W. Delaney inspect wreath presented by 1500 WPA workers during Army Day Ceremonies, April 6, at Westover Field, The North East Air Base, Chicopee.

ADMINISTRATOR, COMMISSIONER HONOR STATE WITH VISIT

Massachusetts was doubly honored in January by visits of John M. Carmody, Administrator of the Federal Works Agency, and Colonel F. C. Harrington, Commissioner of the Work Projects Administration.

Colonel Harrington visited Springfield, January 12 and Boston, January 13. Mr. Carmody visited Boston on January 17, and the next day, went to New Hampshire.

Col. Harrington

Colonel John J. McDonough, Regional Director, and State Administrator Delaney met Colonel Harrington in Springfield where he met with the Western Massachusetts Association of Mayors, Selectmen, and County Commissioners. Next morning, in Boston, he had breakfast with Regional and State WPA staffs, and in the afternoon, addressed the Mayors' Club of Massachusetts presided over by President Edward J. Voke, Mayor of Chelsea.

Colonel Harrington warned that a change from Federal work relief to direct Federal grants to States would mean the "dole" to this country. He stressed the need of local cooperation and urged local officials to plan WPA projects at least eighteen months ahead.

Mr. Carmody

Mr. Carmody during his visit to Boston, breakfasted with the Regional and State WPA staffs and other Federal and local officials, after which he inspected all of the larger Federal projects in the Boston area before going to New Hampshire the next day on similar business. Among places visited by Mr. Carmody were the Huntington Subway project; the Framingham plant, which was casting pipe for the water main from Quabbin Reservoir to Boston; the new Suffolk County Court House; and housing projects in Cambridge, Charlestown, South Boston, and Roxbury. Mr. Carmody said he was favorably impressed with the projects visited.

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ALL WHITE-COLLAR PROJECTS TO BE INSPECTED BY PUBLIC

Announcement is made by Administrator Denis W. Delaney that the week of May 20-25 will be an open-house occasion for all projects of the Professional and Service Division, Federal Works Agency, Work Projects Administration for Massachusetts.

One million visitors are expected to visit more than 800 different type projects located in 173 Massachusetts cities and towns, employing some 25 thousand WPA white-collar workers.

"This Work Pays . . ."

Massachusetts WPA activity will be a part of a national, "This Work Pays Your Community" week, featured on the evening of May 20 in this State and throughout the country by a series of project suppers that will be addressed from Washington on a radio hookup by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; John M. Carmody, Federal Works Agency Administrator; Colonel F. C. Harrington, Work Projects Administration Commissioner; and Mrs. Florence S. Kerr, Assistant WPA Commissioner.

The Open House Week is a joint enterprise of the WPA with sponsors and co-sponsors of projects and is designed to show all communities value of the work being done on the hundreds of professional and service projects. During the entire week, all white-collar WPA projects will be open to the general public, and in many areas tours of such projects have been arranged by local supervisors.

Administrator Delaney, with Harold G. Dunney, Director of the P. & S. Division, has completed all plans to assure the thousands of visitors a proper interpretation of the white-collar program. Splendid cooperation has been received from State and local officials, from the press and the radio. (Continued on Page 11)

Collins Cove Sea Wall and Beach — Salem — built by WPA

WPA construction of Town Hall, New Salem

Aerial view of the WPA built Lynn Municipal Stadium

WPA sewing project — Pittsfield

WPA canning project Pittsfield

WPA Dental Clinic, Boston

WPA Nursery School — Roxbury

MASS. WPA REPORT ON 4½ YEARS WORK

RECORDS SHOW SPLENDID STATE WPA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Denis W. Delaney, State Administrator, on March 19, made public a report of four and one-half years of Massachusetts WPA operations on manual, construction, airport and airways projects.

Astonishing totals were reflected in the report of this WPA activity cumulative through December 31, 1939. Two other reports, one concerning public buildings, public utilities, sanitation and outdoor recreational facilities; the other reflecting work of professional and service projects, flood and erosion control, irrigation, conservation and miscellaneous items were released within the next week.

New and improved WPA highways, road and street construction totaled 2,775 miles comparable to a road from Boston to Phoenix, Arizona. Of this total 1,806 miles are rural roadways that if made into one rural roadway would run from Palmer, Massachusetts, to Dallas, Texas.

79 New Bridges

The report says that in Massachusetts 79 new bridges have been built and 202 others have been reconstructed or improved as have 1,703 new culverts and 821 culverts were reconstructed or improved. Throughout the state more than 20,000 traffic signs have been erected by WPA workers who have also constructed 1,300 miles of new sidewalks and paths, and reconstructed or improved 403 additional miles.

In the field of aviation WPA has accomplished much for Massachusetts. Three new landing areas have been built, four others have been reconstructed and improved and additions were made to two others. During this period two new military airports were built and one was improved. Three new landing fields were built, three others reconstructed and improved and five more added to their land areas.

More than 26,000 feet of new paved airport runway construction and 18,000 feet of unpaved runways. is reported. Three new airport buildings were construed, 16 more were improved, two landing areas were floodlighted and 251 airway markers were made by the WPA.

Second Report

The second report concerning Massachusetts WPA accomplishments over a period of four and one-half years, was made public on March 21 by the Administrator.

Public buildings, public utilities, sanitation and outdoor recreational facilities were included in this report of State-wide WPA work.

A total of 275 new public buildings were built and more than 3,000 other buildings reconstructed or improved. Four new educational structures were erected as were 87 recreational buildings, 43 storage buildings, 41 armories, 5 firehouses, 18 hospitals, and 28 office and administrative buildings. At the same time 304 old public buildings were demolished by the WPA.

The report says that 19 new utility plants were built and 44 others were rebuilt and improved. One new electric power plant was constructed and 8 were improved; one new incinerator plant was constructed as were 7 pumping stations, 5 sewage treatment plants and 5 water treatment plants.

Public Health

Continuing in the field of public health the WPA constructed 412 miles of water mains, aqueducts and distribution lines, made 11,787 water consumer connections and improved or rebuilt more than 13,000 other connections. WPA workmen have dug 178 new water wells and rebuilt 75 others. These workmen have also built 196 new storage tanks, standpipes, cisterns and reservoirs, have dug more than 550 new miles of storm and sanitary sewers, have built more than 24,000 manholes and catchbasins and made almost 11,000 new sewerage service connections.

Mosquitoes, bane of the summer time, have been successfully fought by the WPA and 13,820 acres of pesty mosquito breeding acres of swamp land were drained, more than 400 miles of ditch dug and piped and almost 10,000 gallons of mosquito spray used.

Forty-nine miles of new telephone and telegraph lines were strung by the WPA and 115 miles of line reconstructed or improved while 33 miles of new line for police fire alarm and traffic system signals were installed and 363 more miles improved. Some 287 miles of new electric power lines were built, and 3 athletic fields and parking lots were flood lighted. In the recreational field a grand total of 48 new stadia, grandstands and bleachers were built and 26 others improved. 30 new parks were built, more than 200 rebuilt. A total of 34 new playgrounds were constructed and 216 remade.

64 Athletic Fields

On a State-wide basis, 64 new athletic fields were built as were 13 handball courts, 46 horseshoe courts, 340 tennis courts, 7 swimming pools, 18 wading pools, 28 ice skating areas, one ski jump, four bandshells and four golf courses.

The last report released March 24 included WPA flood and erosion control, irrigation, conservation, activities of the Professional and Service Division, and miscellaneous items.

A total of 6,825,584 quarts of food were preserved on "P & S" projects. Housekeeping Aid workers made 475,964 visits, 3,983,767 hot lunches were served, and more than 20 million garments were made on sewing projects. WPA teachers engaged in literacy and naturalization work reported over 7,000 enrollees in their classes became literate and over 5,000 enrollees became citizens. More than 600,000 pages were transcribed and more than 1,000 maps transcribed on WPA Braille projects.

From the beginning of the WPA program, an estimated total of 19,500 children have been enrolled in WPA nursery schools in 140 different schools in all sections of the State. Continuing in the field of public health, the report shows thousands of children and adults were assisted in dental and medical clinics and from public health home visits.

During an average two-week period, 205 WPA art instruction classes were held with a total of 2,291 enrollees. During a similar period in the field of WPA adult education, 673 classes were held with a total of 15,741 pupils. In a one-month period, 83 library projects were conducted by WPA.

Household Aid

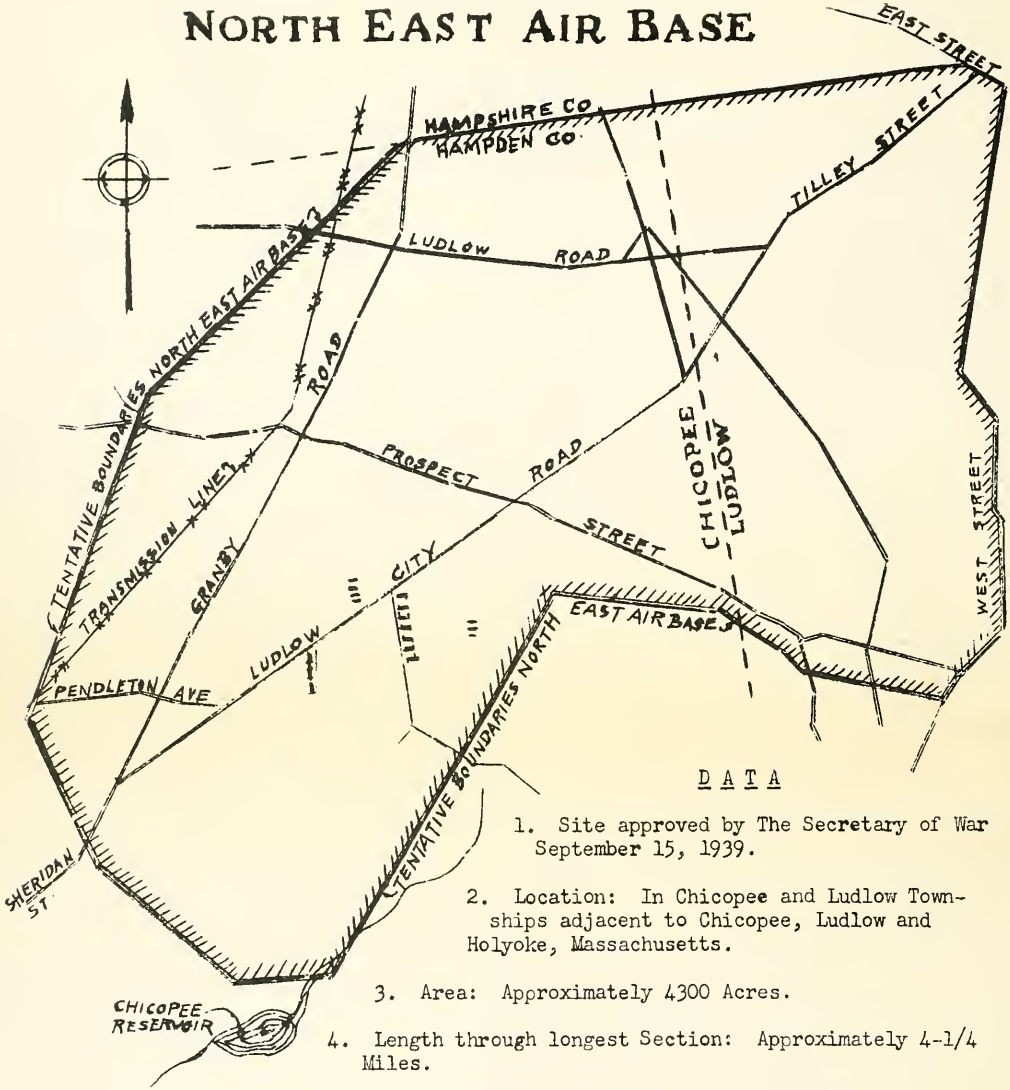
The report says that during the month of December, 1939, 2,379 families were assisted by Housekeeping Aid service projects, and during a single week period, 5,678 lunches were served in 93 schools by the WPA School Lunch project.

Flood Control, a particular problem in Massachusetts and New England, has resulted in much WPA work. In Massachusetts, 43,459 linear feet of new levees and embankments were built and an additional 43,000 feet were reconstructed and improved. WPA workers also constructed 5,506 linear feet of jetties and breakwaters, almost 5,000 linear feet of bulkheads, more than 200,000 linear feet of retaining walls, and erected 31 conservation flood and erosion control dams, while improving 7 others.

In the field of conservation, WPA workers planted more than 5,600 bushels of seedling oysters and cut 116 miles of fire and forest trails, and almost 2,000 miles of firebreaks.

Under miscellaneous items, the lists include 14 new monuments and historic markers, 13 new ornamental pools and fountains, 16 tunnels, 67 miles of fencing, and 4 new docks, wharves and piers.

WPA PROJECT
NORTH EAST AIR BASE



D A T A

1. Site approved by The Secretary of War September 15, 1939.

2. Location: In Chicopee and Ludlow Townships adjacent to Chicopee, Ludlow and Holyoke, Massachusetts.

3. Area: Approximately 4300 Acres.

4. Length through longest Section: Approximately 4-1/4 Miles.

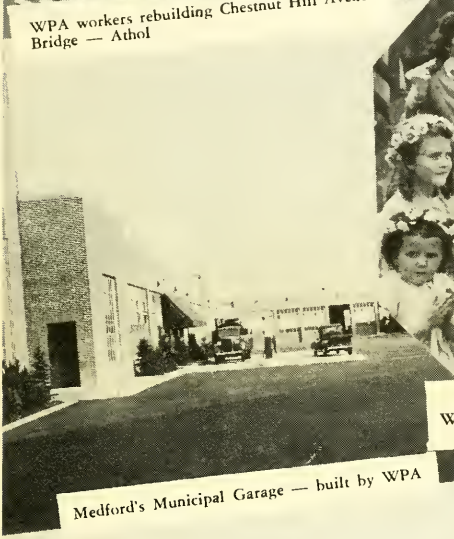
5. Width through widest Section: Approximately 3 Miles.

6. Initial Appropriation Fiscal Year 1940: $3,613,000.00 To provide: Hangar; Base A. C. Shops; A.C. Gas and Oil Storage; Communications Bldg.; Paint, Oil and Dope Storage; Magazine (Mild Explosives); Photo Laboratory; Barracks (Temporary) for 1400 Enlisted Men; Officers' Quarters, 5-One Family; Non Commissioned Officers' Quarters, 5-One Family; Hospital, 40 Bed; Central Heating Plant, 1500 H.P.; Quartermaster Warehouse; Fire and Guard House; Incinerator; Fencing; Railroad Spur; Utilities (Water, Sewage:-Electric and Roads); Clearing, Grading and Drainage; Telephone Construction; Paved Aprons, etc.

ABOVE MAP OF PROPOSED SITE OF NORTHEAST AIR BASE AND DATA PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CONSTRUCTING QUARTERMASTER, U. S. ARMY, NORTHEAST AIR BASE, CHICOPEE, MASS., OCTOBER 13, 1939.

WPA workers rebuilding Chestnut Hill Avenue Bridge — Athol

WPA built swimming pool and park Reed's Pond, Rockland

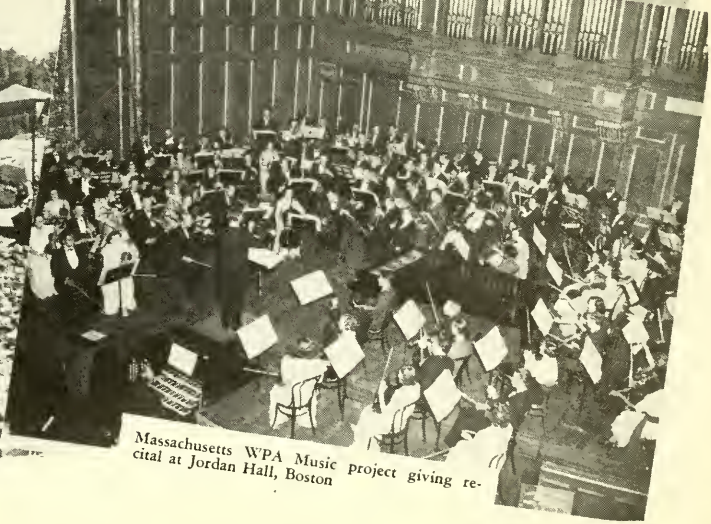


Medford's Municipal Garage — built by WPA

May Day
WPA Recreation Carnival — on Boston Common

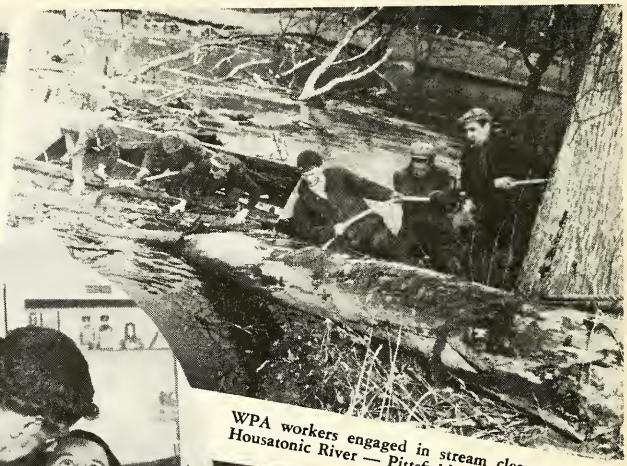
WPA Boston Public Library project

WPA demolition project — Anaconda Mill, Fall River



Massachusetts WPA Music project giving recital at Jordan Hall, Boston

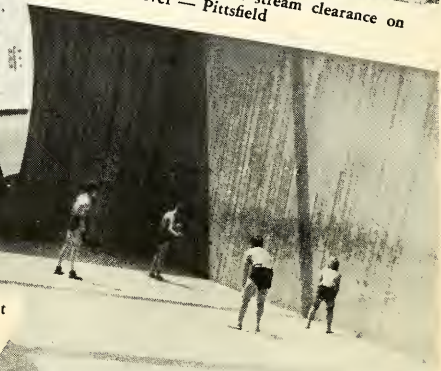
WPA dug ditch draining swamplands on Mosquito Control project — Manchester



WPA workers engaged in stream clearance on Housatonic River — Pittsfield

WPA physician examines patient at Blossom Street Health Unit Boston

WPA built Greenfield Municipal Pool



WPA built handball court L Street, South Boston

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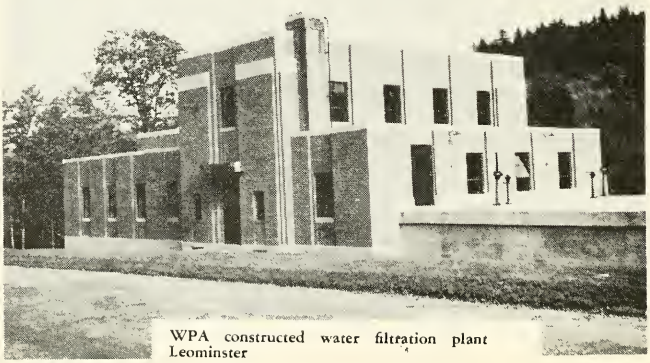
7 NEW WPA SWIMMING POOLS



WPA constructed water filtration plant Leominster

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19 NEW WPA UTILITY PLANTS

NEW WPA DISTRICT MANAGER ORGANIZATION

PART OF ADMINISTRATOR'S REORGANIZATION PLAN

The new District Manager organization of the Work Projects Administration for Massachusetts, authorized March 3, 1940, is now well under way.

The new system is a part of Administrator Delaney's reorganization of the WPA designed to facilitate operation of the WPA program in every Massachusetts district.

Under the new setup, district managers are responsible for the operation of the entire program in their areas. District Managers and District Division Directors follow:

District No. 1 — Boston District: 18 Oliver Street, Boston

Director of Operations
Edward W. Fitzgerald
Director of Employment
William H. O'Brien
Director of Finance
Joseph T. Croke

District No. 2 — Middlesex County; Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop of Suffolk County; Brookline and Wellesley of Norfolk County: Municipal Building, Malden

Acting District Manager
Walter F. Como
Director of Operations
F. J. Leary
Director of Employment
Ernest L. Forrest
Director of Finance
Stephen E. Kenney
Director of Prof. and Svc.
Maurice Rogovin

District No. 3 — Essex County: Old Town Hall, Salem

Acting District Manager
Harry M. Shanahan
Director of Operations
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Director of Employment
Ferdinand A. Paquette
Director of Finance
Hubert J. McCluskey
Director of Prof. and Svc.
Charles Mullin

District No. 4 — Norfolk County, excepting Brookline and Wellesley of Norfolk County; Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket and Bristol Counties: 437 Whittenton Street, Taunton

Acting District Manager
William E. McQueeney
Director of Operations
William E. McQueeney
Director of Employment
Thomas J. Fleming
Director of Finance
Frank E. Tarbox
Director of Prof. and Svc.
Walter Liberty

Elizabeth Tracy of Cambridge, member of the WPA Art project, who recently won a $2,000. Guggenheim Fellowship.

District No. 5 — Worcester County: 1 Assonet Street, Worcester

Acting District Manager
James P. Meehan
Director of Operations
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Director of Employment
Michael F. O'Rourke
Director of Finance
John C. Quinn
Director of Prof. and Svc.
Margaret Cogswell

District No. 6 — Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire Counties: 1597 Main Street, Springfield

Acting District Manager
Timothy J. Collins
Director of Operations
Michael J. Daley
Director of Employment
Timothy F. Grady
Director of Finance
William J. Kern
Director of Prof. and Svc.
Lucille L. Lockhart

How many hours do WPA workers work?

Congress has directed that all WPA workers shall work 130 hours a month. They are not permitted to work more than 8 hours in any day, or 40 hours in any week, except to make up lost time or in emergencies involving the public welfare or the protection of work already done. Within these limitations, local officials arrange daily work schedules for local projects.

What arrangements are made for distribution of surplus food or of clothing to WPA workers?

All such commodities are distributed through local relief agencies to families on direct relief; and it is the local relief agency, not the WPA, that decides whether these commodities shall be given also to WPA workers.

which conducts a program of useful public work, in cooperation with State and

Before WPA resurfacing of Main Street — Fall River

Homestead Avenue — Rehoboth at start of WPA construction

2775 MILES OF

After WPA resurfacing of Main Street — Fall River

Homestead Avenue — Rehoboth after WPA construction

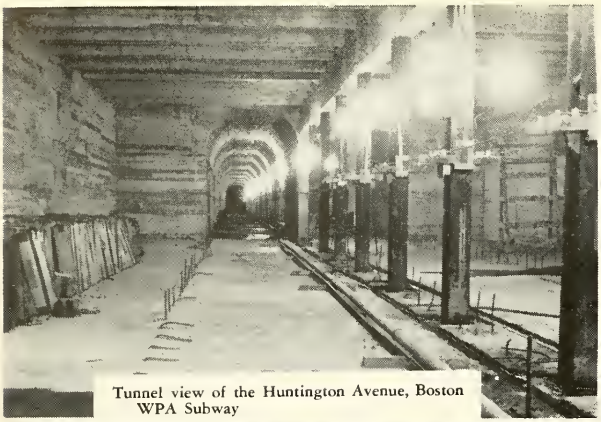
Start of WPA sidewalk construction, Summer Street, Wakefield

Start of WPA street and sidewalk construction — Lemon Street, Arlington

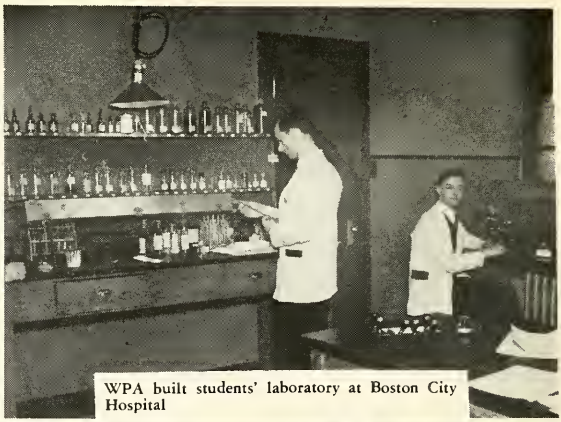
WPA ROADS

Completed WPA sidewalk construction — Summer Street, Wakefield

Completed WPA street and sidewalk construction — Lemon Street, Arlington



Tunnel view of the Huntington Avenue, Boston WPA Subway



WPA built students' laboratory at Boston City Hospital

WPA built dam and spillway — at WPA built Leominster Filtration Plant

WPA Household Training class — Worcester

Swimming pool and Bath House built by WPA in Springfield

One of the many recreation houses built by WPA — Springfield

275 NEW WPA BUILDINGS

April 20, 1940

TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE WORK PROJECTS ADMINSTRATION

In order that there can be no misunderstanding of Work Projects Administration rules about voting rights of employees, regulations of this Administration on this matter are stated as follows:

1. You are entitled to vote or not vote, as you choose.
2. No one either connected with or not connected with the Work Projects Administration can get you fired or change your wages because you do or do not vote or because you belong to or do not belong to a political party. It is against the law for *anyone* to ask you for money for any political campaign.
3. If you are employed in an administrative or supervisory capacity you may vote as you please and express privately your opinion on political subjects. However, it is against the law for persons who are employed in an administrative or supervisory capacity to engage in political activity or to take an active part or use their influence directly or indirectly in political management or political campaigns or in political conventions.
4. Every effort will be made to arrange the working schedules so that you will not lose the necessary time taken for voting purposes.
5. Voting is your own business, keep it that way.

As Commissioner of Work Projects, I will not tolerate any violation of the above regulations. The Work Projects Administration is not in politics and does not take part in politics, either directly or indirectly.

F. C. HARRINGTON, *Commissioner*

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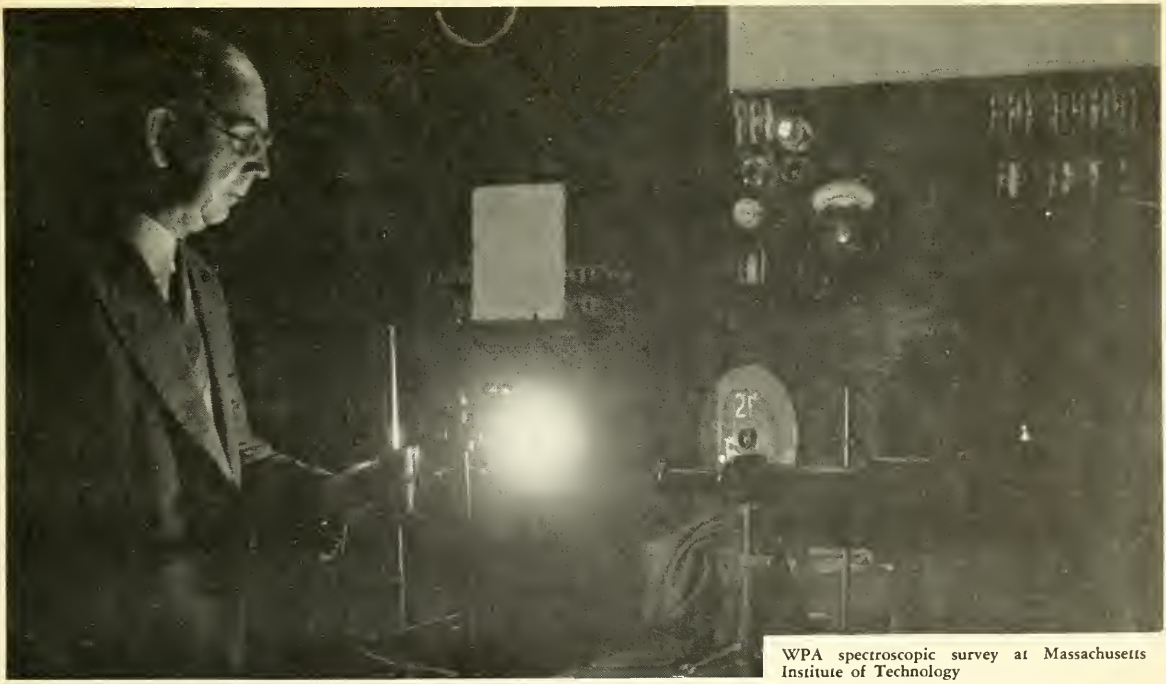
Report of Accomplishments

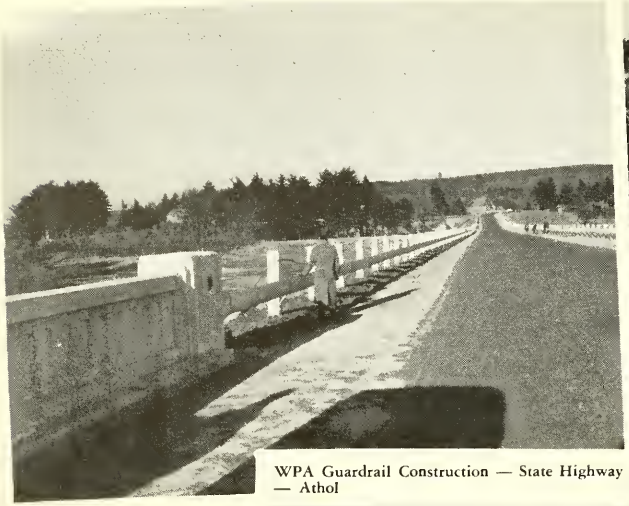
Administrator Delaney's report of accomplishments of the Massachusetts WPA during the last four and one-half years clearly shows the tremendous scope of the white-collar projects. Mr. Delaney says: "The WPA Professional and Service Projects are the property of every citizen. They operate in every city and nearly every town, and directly, or indirectly, affect the well-being of every Massachusetts resident. These projects, like all WPA projects, belong to the people.

"During Open House Week, the people will see for themselves just what is being done, what has been accomplished, and what plans are contemplated for the continuation of this program. I am confident that the citizens of Massachusetts will be pleased with the knowledge they obtain after visiting our projects. I invite their comment. My office is ever open to suggestion that may better our program.

"I take this opportunity to thank all workers in the Professional and Service Division for their many achievements. Their record of accomplishment is ever progressing; they are contributing much to the welfare of Massachusetts."



WPA spectroscopic survey at Massachusetts Institute of Technology



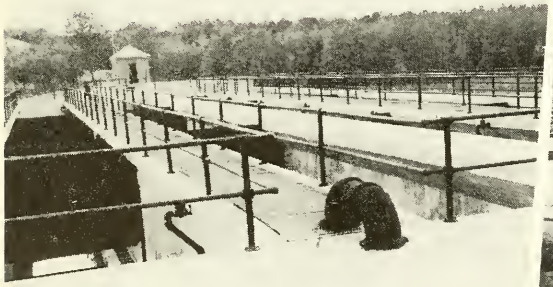
WPA Guardrail Construction — State Highway — Athol

WPA workers dig a water main through rock ledge on Highland Avenue, Salem

30 NEW WPA PARKS

Air View of WPA Built East Boston Airport

550 MILES OF NEW WPA SEWERS



WPA built sewage disposal plant — Leominster

WPA built Lynn stadium, floodlighted with WPA built lamps, during evening concert

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

BOSTON TRANSCRIPT MARCH 15, 1940 EDITORIAL

The WPA Indictments

Critics of the WPA will undoubtedly use the recent indictment of 11 local WPA workers, on charges of pay-roll padding, to burnish up what State Administrator Denis W. Delaney calls "the shovel-leaning chestnut." But the charges against these individual workers cannot fairly be made into an indictment of the works-relief agency.

No snooping outsider discovered the alleged irregularities upon which the indictments are based. Field officers reported them to State headquarters as a matter of routine. State headquarters examined the charges and called in the WPA division of investigation. WPA's own police force gathered the evidence and turned it over to the United States Attorney for presentation to the grand jury. That is the background of the indictment which the papers headline now. If anything, the story should increase our confidence in the integrity of the relief agency.

There are 100,000 WPA workers enrolled in Massachusetts on the average. That is enough to populate a large city. Breakdown statistics are not available, but we have seen no evidence to make us believe that WPA's court record in this State is any worse than we should expect from any representative group of 100,000 citizens. The check on their conduct is more rigid, if anything, than on average citizens.

This, of course, is as it should be. Grafting on the relief rolls is a particularly contemptible form of stealing. But when there is ground to complain about the conduct of individual workers it is only just to remember that the vast majority of the reliefers are performing honest service for their checks without benefit of publicity.

FALL RIVER HERALD NEWS APRIL 24, 1940 EDITORIAL

Youth Must Help Self

The importance of any young person securing preparation and training for some special activity in life has been emphasized to youth by many who have had wide experience. Now Denis W. Delaney, WPA Administrator for Massachusetts, adds his endorsement to that suggestion.

Mr. Delaney has knowledge of many problems of individuals and through his position must come close to numerous economic and employment requisites. He sums it up thusly: "No matter what the future may hold, whether he be a genius or just another of us average souls, I believe a man should know one trade well, one kind of work upon which he can always fall back in time of economic stress, one occupation of which he is master, from which he has received a confidence in his own ability, and which will secure him the financial independence necessary in finding his natural place in life and learning to fill it well."

Too often young people are discouraged long before they arrive at an age when they would be expected to exhibit an active interest in some lifework. It is not uncommon to hear youngsters of ten raise the question whether they will be able to secure work when they grow up. Teachers, parents, business, industry and all social agencies herein face a philosophy of decadence that must be dismissed.

There will be jobs. America's young people will have a chance. Persistent shortening of the hours of labor, retirement of today's skilled mechanics and the final decision to supply Americans with the many things they need and want will provide opportunities.

But youth must prepare, as Mr. Delaney recommends, by becoming qualified, to an extent that is possible, for some definite particular field.

BOSTON TRAVELER APRIL 18, 1940 EDITORIAL

Passing of the "Shovel-Leaning" Joke

Speaking at Holy Cross College this week, Denis W. Delaney, Massachusetts Administrator of the WPA, talked of his work. He touched upon many significant factors. One in particular reveals an interesting development.

He told of being subjected to a good deal of good-natured ribbing by friends because he had once said that he intended to make the frayed WPA "shovel-leaning" joke as stale and as outdated as the tin lizzie joke.

"When you think in terms of an individual loafer on WPA," he reminded his audience, "you must also remember that in the background are intensely efficient, alert, industrious workers, like the WPA youthful technicians working out abstract light ray lengths at M. I. T. Practically unknown are the WPA workers doing wonders in cooperation with the U. S. geodetic survey . . . the moth workers . . . the mosquito-control gangs . . .

"Mayors, councils, and county officers have not yet stopped talking about the dramatic sweep into action of the WPA workers on the occasion of the not-too-recent hurricane . . . they were again available for removal of inflammable underbrush.

"I can say with deep gratitude that the Massachusetts public met me more than half way in my effort to remove the silly aspersions on a great working force . . . the flippant criticism of WPA is today, in Massachusetts, practically non-existent."

Those who understand the work of the WPA will be glad to learn of the demise of the "shovel-leaning" joke.

Why does the Federal Government give work to the able-bodied needy unemployed, instead of direct relief?

This policy was adopted in the conviction that work is better than direct relief — because work preserves the skills and self-respect of the workers and makes them fit to return to private industry; because our communities are greatly in need of the public projects on which the unemployed are set to work; and because work projects bring a valuable return to the communities and the Nation for money expended in assisting the unemployed.

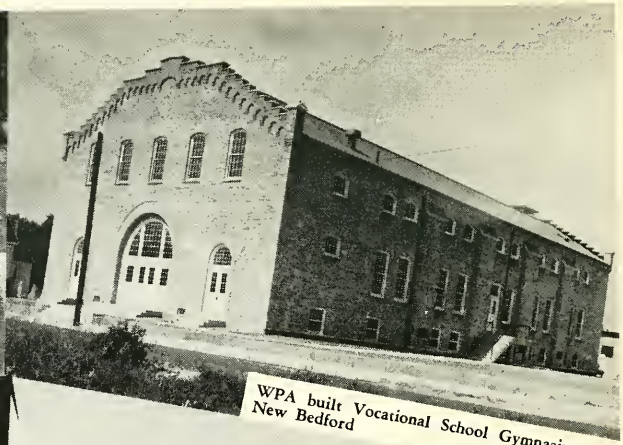
How are WPA funds apportioned among the States and communities?

In accordance with the extent of need in each State and each community. Thus the amount of WPA money spent in States and communities does not depend on their area or population, but on the number of needy unemployed workers and on the wage levels in each.

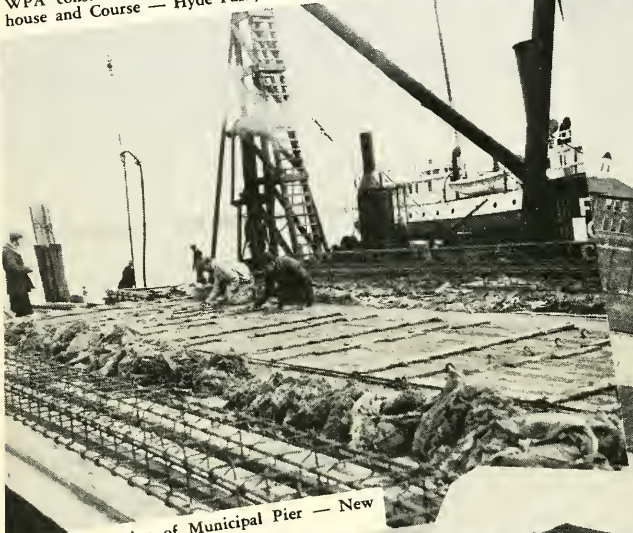
What arrangements are made for transporting workers to and from projects?

Whenever possible, workers are assigned to projects located near their homes or requiring no more than reasonable transportation costs. If workers have to be assigned to more distant projects, an attempt is made to arrange for transportation either by the WPA or by the project sponsor.

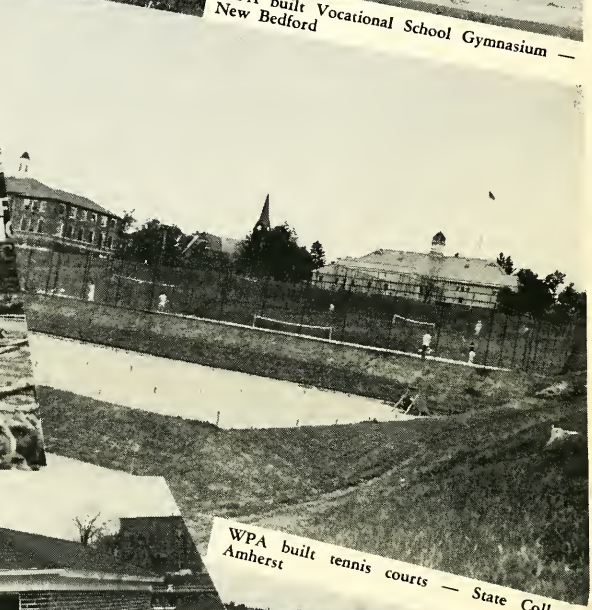
WPA constructed George Wright Golf Clubhouse and Course — Hyde Park, Boston



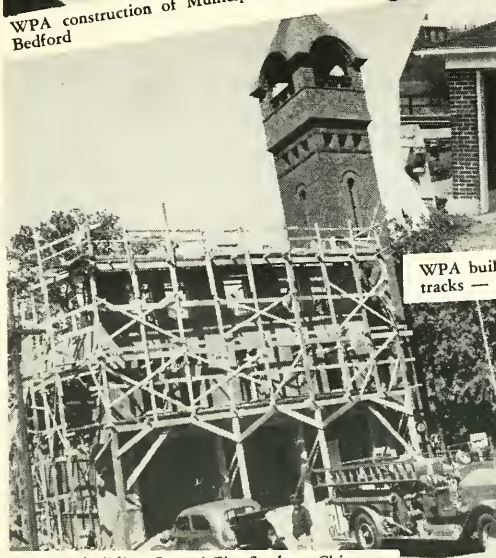
WPA built Vocational School Gymnasium — New Bedford



WPA construction of Municipal Pier — New Bedford



WPA built tennis courts — State College, Amherst



WPA rebuilding Central Fire Station—Chicopee

WPA built pedestrian underpass under railroad tracks — Fitchburg

WPA built Commonwealth Avenue underpass — Boston

DO YOU KNOW

THAT . . . besides the WPA, the Public Buildings Administration, the Public Roads Administration, the Public Works Administration, and the United States Housing Authority are included in the Federal Works Agency.

THAT . . . all WPA projects are planned by such local sponsors as City Councils, Selectmen, County Commissioners, State Agencies — outside a small number planned and sponsored by other Federal agencies than the WPA.

THAT . . . any American citizen or other person owing allegiance to the United States, who is 18 years of age, or older, able-bodied, unemployed, and currently certified as in need, is eligible for WPA employment.

THAT . . . if two families live together, one member of each family is eligible for WPA employment, provided both families are in need and otherwise eligible.

THAT . . . Congress has directed that WPA assignments shall be made as far as practicable on the basis of relative needs. Where relative needs are the same, preference shall be given to eligible war veterans.

THAT . . . since the start of the Program in 1935, almost 8 million individuals have been enrolled on WPA throughout the country.

THAT . . . nation-wide figures as of June, 1939 showed that 86% of all WPA workers were men, 14% women.

THAT . . . the nation-wide average monthly WPA wage is about $55. In Massachusetts, it is $62.

THAT . . . WPA workers may join unions; and to deprive, attempt to deprive, or assist in depriving a member of his WPA job because of membership in a labor organization is a felony.

THAT . . . on the other hand, it is not necessary for a worker to belong to a union in order to get or hold his WPA job.

THAT . . . impartial investigations have found WPA administration efficient. FORTUNE magazine reported that the WPA as an organization "functions with an efficiency of which any industrialist would be proud."

THAT . . . a WPA worker need not support any political party in order to get or hold his job.

THAT . . . The United States Conference of Mayors, an organization composed of the mayors of 100 leading cities with a total population of some 25 million has gone on record as follows: "The integrity and permanent usefulness of the city projects which have been approved by the Federal Government need no apology from anyone. These are the cities' own projects. Honest and impartial analysis . . . will reveal that practically every project represents a useful, and in most cases a permanent, public improvement. Finally, it is apparent that the city officials of America will never consent to abandonment of the work principle in giving relief assistance. The dole, based upon idleness and groceries, has no place in our American scheme of society."

Does the WPA try to give its workers the same kind of work they had in private industry?

Yes. Although it is not always possible to put people to work at their usual occupations, every effort is made to do so or to provide related work for which the workers are qualified.

What is a WPA project?

It is any useful public work on which the Federal Government and some tax-supported public body have agreed to cooperate, through the WPA, in order to provide work for the needy unemployed. The project is a community or State enterprise which the WPA helps to carry out; the completed project belongs to the community or State.

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Carmody — Harrington

He attended the dedication of the Thomas Crane Library in Quincy, and advocated that high school students organize their own hunt for jobs. He said: "It has occurred to me that if, instead of setting up elaborate machinery to do research, the high school students who are not going to college would organize a project to make their own survey by personal inquiry in their home communities as to what job opportunities will be open for them in June. They will not only learn a great deal about the industry and commerce of their communities but a good many of them will find job opportunities."

What is the WPA?

The Work Projects Administration is that part of the Federal Works Agency local governments, in order to provide work and wages for the needy, able-bodied unemployed. The State and local governments plan and sponsor various projects, and the WPA helps to operate them.

Just what is the Federal WPA dollar spent on?

Out of each Federal dollar spent —

87 cents is used to pay project workers.

9½ cents is used to pay for materials and equipment.

3½ cents is used to pay for administrative costs.

Is there an independent accounting for WPA funds?

Yes, by the United States Treasury Department, which also issues checks to WPA workers and purchases WPA materials.

How much of the cost of WPA projects is paid from Federal funds?

The Federal Government pays almost all the labor costs of a project. The sponsor pays most of the costs of materials and equipment. During the last fiscal year, sponsors' funds averaged about 20 percent of total project costs. Not less than one-fourth of the total costs of all non-Federal projects approved after January 1, 1940, must be borne by the local sponsors.

How old are WPA workers?

A survey in February 1939 showed these percentages:

12 percent under 25 years old
27 percent between 25 and 34 years old
24 percent between 35 and 44 years old
21 percent between 45 and 54 years old
14 percent between 55 and 64 years old
2 percent 65 years of age or over

The WPA limits its employment almost entirely to the heads of families. Many needy younger workers are assisted by the NYA or the CCC rather than the WPA.

What percentage of WPA workers are doing unskilled work? Other kinds of work?

In September 1939:

	Percent
Unskilled	71
Semiskilled	13
Skilled	10
Professional and technical	2
Unclassified	4

FIRST BOSTON WPA SCHOOL LUNCH PROJECT

AVERAGE OF 5,500 CHILDREN FED DAILY BY MASS. WPA

At noon, Monday, April 29, 1940, the first WPA School lunch project in Boston was opened with an attendance of 110 people at the John A. Andrews School, Dorchester Street.

This WPA project is sponsored by the city of Boston and will operate until the close of the school session. The project is in the form of an experiment to determine to what extent WPA School Lunch projects become a part of the Boston school system next Fall.

The city of Boston furnishes rooms and all basic foods for the project. The WPA furnishes personnel and supervision, and the WPA Surplus Commodities Division furnishes commodities, according to food surpluses available.

According to the Administrator the Massachusetts WPA operates 46 School Lunch units in 10 sections of the State, feeding an average of 5,500 children a day and employing 350 WPA workers.

22 WPA TEACHERS NOW WORK IN 19 CCC CAMPS

An average of 22 WPA teachers are working each month in Massachusetts CCC camps, according to Administrator Denis W. Delaney. WPA teachers work regularly in 19 CCC companies with an average monthly class attendance of 6,900.

Classes include arithmetic, arts and crafts, bookkeeping, carpentry, civics, current events, current history, electricity, English, general science, handicraft, journalism, leather craft, metal craft, motor vehicle operation, musical appreciation, occupational guidance, photography, public speaking, radio, spelling, typing, United States history, and woodworking, in addition to many recreational subjects.

Administrator Denis W. Delaney broadcasting four and a half years of WPA accomplishments over the Colonial Radio Network.

WPA built Community Center and Recreation Lodge on Porter Lake in Forest Park, Springfield

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QUOTA REDUCTIONS AFFECT THOUSANDS

Because of quota reduction during April and May, a total of 26,300 WPA workers have been dropped from the rolls in Massachusetts.

In March, 101,500 WPA workers were enrolled. During April, 11,500 were dropped, reducing the total to 90,000. In May, the 90,000 total was cut 14,800, leaving a balance of 75,200 employed.

Cuts were made proportionately in all sections of the State and were made on a basis of relative need. All things being equal, the veteran received preference. Where need of a non-veteran was greater, the non-veteran received preference.

Other than those dropped because of the 18-month tenure, WPA rolls were maintained through the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons and throughout the bitter winter months which were the most severe in many years.